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# ANNOUNCEMENTS





March 7 · 7pm | In the Courtyard



# Parent's Night Out



A NIGHT OUT FOR Y & FUN FOR THE KIDS!

March 20 6-8pm



CCC ANNUAL ALL CAMPUS

March 28-30



Women's Retreat







MOBILE APP







#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

• MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM • LIBRARY

#### **LUNCH IN THE WORD MEN'S STUDY**

• TUESDAYS AT NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

#### IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

• TUESDAYS 6:30 PM • FAMILY ROOM

#### **ROOTED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-24)**

• TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • EAST SANCTUARY

#### **CCY HIGH SCHOOL GROUP**

• TUESDAYS @ 6:30 PM • EAST SANCTUARY BASEMENT

#### **AWANA KIDS CLUBS**

• WEDNESDAYS @ 6:15 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

#### **CCY JR HIGH GROUP**

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM • EAST SANCTUARY BASEMENT

#### **MIDWEEK GATHERING**

• WFDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

#### JOY OF LIVING WOMEN'S STUDY

• THURSDAYS 9:30-11:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

#### **BETRAYAL & BEYOND WOMEN'S STUDY**

• THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • IV LIFE CENTER

#### MOMS IN PRAYER

• THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • FAMILY ROOM

#### KITCHEN WITH A MISSION

• FRIDAYS AT 5:00 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

#### **RELENTLESS YOUTH (BILINGUAL)**

• FRIDAYS AT 7:00 PM • 343 WILLOW BEND EC

#### **PRAYERS & SOUARES OUILTING**

SEE APP FOR MEETING SCHEDULE

#### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**

• SATURDAYS 8-9:30 AM • LIBRARY

#### **GRIEFSHARE** ENGLISH

• SATURDAYS 10 AM & 1 PM • THE COTTAGE

# Community COFFEE SHOP OPEN AFTER SERVICE



#### **COFFEE NIGHTS**

7-9 PM IN THE COURTYARD
NEXT: MARCH 7



## AFTERGLOW SERVICES

6-8 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

**NEXT: MARCH 16** 



#### **BABY DEDICATIONS**

ALTERNATING MONTHS
NEXT: MARCH 23

WATCH THE
WEEKLY WORD
TOMORROW ON THE CCC MOBILE APP



# WHAT IS YOUR CALLING?



**VOLUNTEER to SERVE** 

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Nursery, AWANA, Kids Ministry, Ushers and KWAM.



# PAUL'S PERSISTENCE

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			VV 8-18
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			VV 19-23
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# CHRIS NUNN



# **Choosing Christ over Comfort**

• Pray that God will give you the courage to stand firm in your faith, even in the face of opposition.

## **Turning from Worthless Idols**

• Ask God to reveal any idols in your heart and help you fully trust in Him alone.

## **Trusting God Through Suffering**

• Pray that God will strengthen your faith during trials and help you see His purpose in your suffering.

# Faithfulness in Sharing the Gospel

• Ask God to give you the boldness to share His truth with those who need to hear it.

## Finding Strength in God's Presence

• Pray that you will sense God's presence in your hardships and find peace in His nearness.



# · PERSONAL STUDY·

**The Gospel Divides** - The message of Jesus will always produce different responses. Some will believe and be transformed, while others will resist and oppose it. Paul and Barnabas saw both great faith and great hostility as they preached.

 Something to think about: Have you ever faced opposition for sharing your faith? How did you respond?

**Perseverance Through Trials** – Instead of retreating in the face of persecution, Paul and Barnabas continued their mission. Their endurance reflects the truth that suffering often accompanies obedience to Christ.

• **Something to think about**: What does James 1:2-4 teach us about perseverance in trials?

God Confirms His Word - Miraculous signs and wonders accompanied the apostles' preaching, validating their message. However, they did not seek miracles for their own sake but remained focused on proclaiming the gospel.

• **Something to think about:** How can we focus on the message of the gospel rather than chasing signs?

**Temptations to Compromise** – In Lystra, Paul and Barnabas were mistaken for gods, and the people wanted to worship them. Instead of taking the easy road and accepting the praise, they redirected the glory to God.

• **Something to think about:** How can we ensure we give God the glory instead of seeking personal recognition?

**Strengthening Disciples** – Paul and Barnabas not only preached but also encouraged and built up the believers, helping them stay strong in their faith despite hardships.

 Something to think about: How can we actively strengthen and encourage fellow believers today?

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



# **Getting to Know You**

1. Describe a situation when you faced serious opposition or thought the task was too difficult to accomplish. How did you get through it? Looking back, would you do anything differently?

## **Digging Deeper**

- 1. Read John 16:32-33, Acts 14:22, Romans 5:3-5, 2
  Corinthians 4:16-18, Philippians 4:6-7, Hebrews 12:1-2 and
  James 1:2-4. Why did Paul and Barnabas continue
  preaching even when they faced rejection and
  persecution? What is the connection between suffering,
  endurance, character, and hope? What role does
  perseverance play in the Christian faith, and how do these
  passages encourage us to remain faithful despite
  difficulties? How can we experience peace in the midst of
  trials?
- 2. Read Matthew 21:8-11 and 27:18-23, John 2:23-25 and Galatians 1:6-10. The people in Lystra initially wanted to worship Paul and Barnabas, but later, Paul was stoned. Why do you think the people of Lystra were so quick to change their opinion of Paul and Barnabas? How can we develop a mindset that prioritizes God's approval over popularity? What does this sudden shift teach us about the nature of human praise and opposition?
- 3. Read Joel 2:12-14, Jonah 3:1-5,10, Matthew 6:16-18, Matthew 26:40-41, Mark 9:25-29, Acts 14:23, and James 5:16. Paul and Barnabas committed the new believers to the Lord with prayer and fasting. Why is prayer in conjunction with fasting so important? What have you experienced through prayer and fasting in your own life?

# **Taking It Home**

1. What can we do this week to support fellow believers who are facing trials in their lives? Take some time to pray for someone in the group who is going through a trial.



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