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IT'S BAPTISM SUNDAY TODAY! MEET THE PASTORS COFFEE TODAY AT 5 PM

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.

NEXT WEEK (12/4) IS CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY & OUR NEW CHRISTMAS SERIES 'SPECIAL DELIVERY' BEGINS



We will start our Christmas celebrations wearing a Christmas sweater as we start a new series looking at the best news ever delivered to humanity: A Savior is born!

MASTER CHORALE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE MESSIAH · THURSDAY 12/1 | 7PM

LIVE NATIVITY (12/21) ASSISTANCE NEEDED -



Scan the QR Code or Sign up on the CCC Mobile App if you can help by decorating or participating in our Live Nativity on December 21st



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 by 12/18. Each tag represents a specific child in our area.

SAVE THE DATE: CCC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY ALL CAMPUS GATHERING JANUARY 8TH

MIDWEEK GATHERING - EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM

This Wednesday is Q&A Night! Have a question for our panel of pastors? Go to the CCC App or Scan the QR Code to anonymously submit your questions then join us! (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 16 | 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. What Christmas movie or movies do you watch every year? After sharing your favorites and hearing what others like to watch, what movie are you adding to your playlist this year?
2. Discuss the validity of the idiom that your hermeneutics (how you interpret the Bible) defines your eschatology (what you believe about judgment), and your eschatology establishes your ecclesiology (what you think about the church) which will determine your hermeneutics. What evidence is there to support or refute the idea?

Digging Deeper:

1. What use is there in debates that result in nothing but long doctrinal discussions with no resolution or practical application? How would God prefer you spend your time while waiting for Jesus' return? Consider Proverbs 14:23, Titus 3:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:3-5, 2 Timothy 2:14-16, James 1:22-25, Ephesians 5:15-17, and Colossians 4:5-6 in your discussion.
2. Read Acts 17:10-13 and compare the Thessalonians' manner of accepting and repeating bad theology with the Bereans' who sought the truth by personally examining the scripture. Note what led to the Thessalonians agitating the Berean believers and causing a disruption. How does that concur with what we have learned about the Thessalonian church in this series? How can we apply this cautionary lesson in our approach to God's Word?
3. With televangelists, social media bloggers, and podcasts, we have 21st-century technology, yet the first-century apostasy problem rages on. What are some of the "Did God really say..." inquiries or innuendos so rampant in society that they are infiltrating the church? (e.g., Did God really say there were only two genders? Would a loving God really send people to hell?) How can we apply what we've learned in this series to fend off apostasy and bring truth and clarity to the discussion?

Taking it Home:

1. As we close this series and the books of first and second Thessalonians, what have you learned about eschatology, the church, the Holy Spirit, doctrine, and your responsibility to the body of Christ, discipleship, and prayer? How will you implement that knowledge and impact the world around you for Christ's glory?
2. What does it mean to occupy until He returns? What do you think is the correct balance between a Maranatha mindset and being "so heavenly-minded that you're no earthly good" busybodies? How would focusing our attention on those still lost and perishing for lack of the gospel help keep a proper perspective?

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FINAL PRAYER

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

FINAL WORDS

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THESSALONIANS

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WEEK OF
November 27, 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
everywhere
you go."
Joshua 1:9b, NIV

Bible Story

Esther
Book of Esther

Key Question

When have you done
something you were
afraid to do?

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

Activity

Face It

What You Need:

three sheets of aluminum foil—the
size of your child's face

What You Do:

Invite your child to play "Face It"
with you. Place the aluminum foil
sheets in front of you. Before you
get started, say, "What are a few
examples of situations where you
might be afraid or worried?" Discuss
some personal examples from your
own life too.

Then, pick up the first sheet of
aluminum foil. For each piece of
foil, ask your child to make the
following faces. While your child
is making each expression, gently
press the aluminum foil against
their face, creating something
similar to a mold.

Expressions to "mold":

- surprised
- scared
- brave

When you're finished making the
molds, say, "Which one of these
faces do you think is the most
accurate?" (*Allow response.*) "In our
story today, I bet Esther felt all three
of those emotions."

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Esther demonstrate courage? (*She
approached her husband, the king, even though the
king hadn't summoned her. She did this in order to save
her people.*)

Esther had courage to believe that God could do
the impossible and save her people. Do you think it's
possible to have that same kind of courage today? Why
or why not? What might it look like if we did?

What is something you can do to have courage when
you don't know what will happen?

When have you done something you were afraid to do?
Did you feel God's presence with you?

*Parent: Share about a time you took a risk and were
brave to do what you knew God wanted you to do.
Discuss whether it did or didn't work out, but either
way, how your courage paid off.*



Prayer

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

"Dear God, we've learned about so many amazing
and courageous heroes this month. Thank You for
the examples of Esther, Daniel, David, and Joshua and
Caleb. Even though they lived thousands of years ago
and faced many situations we will never face, we know
that the same courage You gave them is something
we can have too. Please help us to do what we should
even when we don't know what will happen. In Jesus'
name, amen."

DEVOTIONS

WEEK OF
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Stand: Don't Face Your Fears Alone

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



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Bible Story

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Bottom Line

You can do what you
should even when
you don't know what
will happen.

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



Activity

Do or Roll the Die

What You Need:

Game die; timer

Note: If you don't own a game die, you can
find instructions on how to make one here:
<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-dice.html>

What You Do:

Set out the game die. Invite your child to roll
the die to see what challenge below they
land on.

As they roll a number, read off the
corresponding courage challenge below.
Take turns rolling the die and completing the
challenges. If time allows, play until you've
tried each challenge.

Courage challenges:

1. Stand on one foot for 30 seconds
without falling over.
2. Do your best dance move.
3. Sing a line from your favorite song in
an opera voice.
4. Jump as high as you can.
5. Pat your head and rub your belly at the
same time.
6. Talk about your favorite food in a robot
voice.

When you've completed each challenge
at least once, say: "Wow! I was nervous
wondering what courage challenge was
coming next. Thankfully, those were all
pretty easy and fun! In our story today, Esther
faced a challenge—a big one. She didn't know
how things were going to turn out, but she
was strong and brave and trusted God for
what happened next."

Talk About the Bible Story

What big step did Esther have to take in order
to save her people? (*She approached her
husband, the king, even though the king hadn't
summoned her.*)

Why was Esther willing to approach the king?
(*She wanted to save her people, and she knew
that God was with her.*)

Have you ever felt like you needed to stand
up for yourself or someone else? What
happened?

The next time you need to stand up, how can
you be brave and strong? (*Remember stories
like Esther's; ask for God to give you courage.*)

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were brave to do what you knew God wanted
you to do. Discuss whether it did or didn't
work out, but either way, how your courage
paid off.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking
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tonight:

"God, we are so thankful that You gave us Your
Holy Spirit to be our helper. Because You are
with us, we don't have to stand against our fears
alone. God, I'm so thankful that You have a big
plan for each of us. You have called us all to
be like Esther—in our schools, neighborhoods,
and even in our homes. Because of this, we will
speak truth to ourselves in the midst of fear,
and remember that we can do what we should
even when we don't know what will happen. 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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