

CHRIST CHURCH BEACHES

WEEK @ A GLANCE

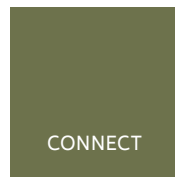
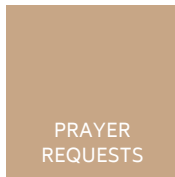
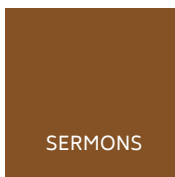
ELDER LED PRAYER
900AM | SUNDAY
IN THE COURTYARD

ORIGINS SERMON SERIES
9:15AM | SUNDAY
CORPORATE WORSHIP
IN THE CHAPEL

ORIGINS MEETUP
402 16TH AVE S, JAX
BEACH
430PM | SUNDAY



RELEVANT LINKS



GIVING AND SELF GOVERNANCE

As we continue working to become a self-governing church we have set a goal of growing our monthly giving to help us grow out of our need for outside financial support. Over the past 12 months our average monthly giving has been \$16,896 and our new monthly giving goal for this year is \$21,000.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are starting a new Connect team to provide a helpful resource for guests, frequent visitors, and members. If you are interested in serving on the Connect team, please reach out to Cheryl Culp or email cheryl@christchurchbeaches.org

ORIGINS

Beginning October 1 and going to November 19 we will enter an all-church program called ORIGINS. ORIGINS will consist of a new sermon series focused on the heart of who we are aiming to become, what Christ has given us to do, how we're intending to go about that, and the why's Christ has put in our heart for those who, what, and how's.

As part of ORIGINS in the evenings all of our community groups will meet up as one large group together with all members and regular attenders on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:30P at 400 16th Ave South and will focus on further teaching connected to the sermon and practical expressions of those topics. There will be a large group time, smaller group break outs and time for prayer. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

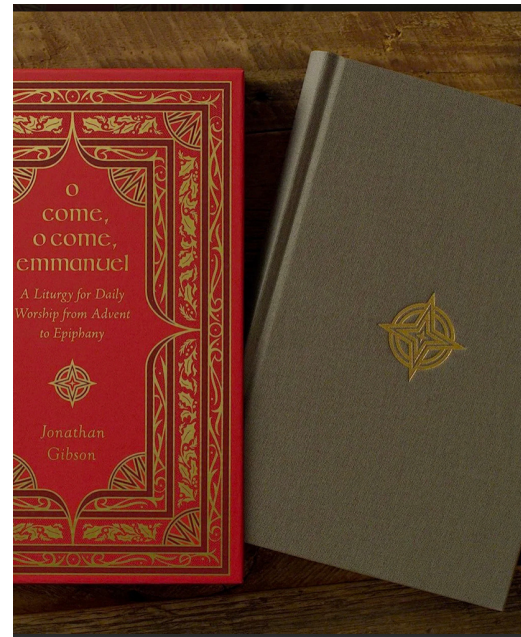
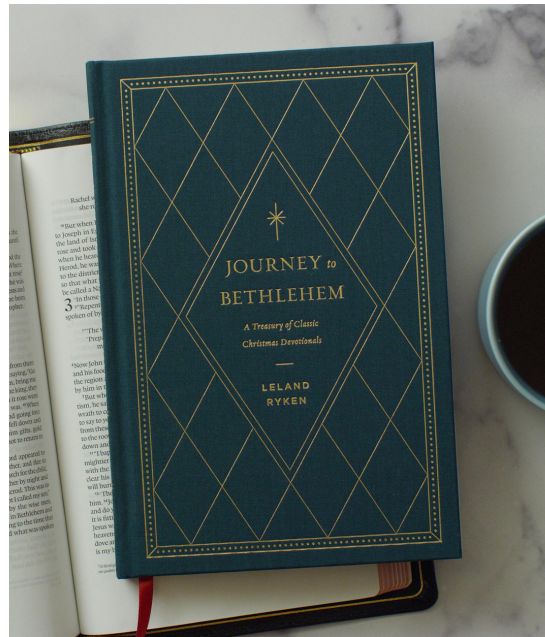
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Advent begins Nov 26 (resources for purchase listed on next page)
- Advent will begin a series in John's Gospel
- Carols in the Courtyard will be Dec 3 at 5PM, link to event and sides/dessert sign up here: <https://subspla.sh/pbwg5yj/>
- Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5P on Dec 24
- The All-Groups Meet-Up will take a break for Advent and start back on January
- Low-Country Egg Hunt will be after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24
- The Easter Sunrise service will be at Civil Twilight on March 31

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING NOV 10-18

- FRI NOV 10: 2 KINGS 23; HEB. 5; JOEL 2; PS. 142
- SAT NOV 11: 2 KINGS 24; HEB. 6; JOEL 3; PS. 143
- SUN NOV 12: 2 KINGS 25; HEB. 7; AMOS 1; PS. 144
- MON NOV 13: 1 CHRON. 1-2; HEB. 8; AMOS 2; PS. 145
- TUES NOV 14: 1 CHRON. 3-4; HEB. 9; AMOS 3; PS. 146-147
- WED NOV 15: 1 CHRON. 5-6; HEB. 10; AMOS 4; PS. 148-150
- THURS NOV 16: 1 CHRON. 7-8; HEB. 11; AMOS 5; LUKE 1:1-38
- FRI NOV 17: 1 CHRON. 9-10; HEB. 12; AMOS 6; LUKE 1:39-80
- SAT NOV 18: 1 CHRON. 11-12; HEB. 13; AMOS 7; LUKE 2

ADVENT RESOURCES-(CLICK ON PHOTO FOR LINK TO PURCHASE)



FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY FOR KIDS IS A 4-WEEK FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL THAT WILL HELP EVEN THE BUSIEST FAMILIES CONNECT WITH THE TRUE STORY AND MEANING OF CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT THE ADVENT SEASON. THIS DEVOTIONAL WILL:

- HELP YOUR FAMILY SLOW DOWN AND SPEND MEANINGFUL TIME REFLECTING ON THE TRUE REASON YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
- FOCUS ON JESUS AS THE BEST GIFT ONE COULD EVER RECEIVE
- GIVE YOU AN EASY-TO-FOLLOW ADVENT PLAN WITH FUN AND SIMPLE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO JESUS AS THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES IN SCRIPTURE
- EACH WEEK OF THIS 4-WEEK FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL INCLUDES A CANDLE LIGHTING DAY, FIVE DAYS OF BIBLE-BASED DEVOTIONAL CONTENT, AND A FAMILY REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY DAY.

FOR A PERSONAL PRIVATE DEVOTIONAL

A 30-DAY ANTHOLOGY OF CLASSIC CHRISTMAS WRITINGS

FOR CENTURIES, CHRISTIANS HAVE TREASURED THE SAME CLASSIC HYMNS AND PASSAGES AT CHRISTMAS. WHILE THESE WORKS HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME, BELIEVERS CAN BE TEMPTED TO ADOPT THEM AS COMMONPLACE AND FAIL TO CONSIDER THEIR DEEPER MEANING.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM PRESENTS AN INSIGHTFUL SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS CLASSICS FROM THE GREATEST ENGLISH AND AMERICAN POETS TO IMPORTANT HISTORICAL CHURCH FIGURES SUCH AS AUGUSTINE, LUTHER, CALVIN, AND SPURGEON. IDEAL FOR READING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, YET APPLICABLE FOR USE YEAR-ROUND, EACH OF THE 30 READINGS CONSISTS OF A CLASSIC WORK, LITERARY ANALYSIS, TAKEAWAY SUMMARY, AND BIBLE PASSAGE.

LITERARY EXPERT LELAND RYKEN ANALYZES EACH HYMN, POEM, AND PROSE TO APPROACH THESE CLASSIC WORKS IN A FRESH WAY. BY HIGHLIGHTING HOW EACH PASSAGE IS EDIFYING AND STYLISTICALLY SATISFYING, READERS WILL EXPERIENCE A NEW FONDNESS FOR THESE CLASSIC WORKS AS THEY MEDITATE ON THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S INCARNATION.

FOR ADULT FAMILY WORSHIP

A 40-DAY DEVOTIONAL LITURGY FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL BY JONATHAN GIBSON PRESENTS A 40-DAY DEVOTIONAL LITURGY GUIDING READERS THROUGH ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY--HELPING THEM KEEP THEIR EYES FIXED ON CHRIST. DESIGNED AS A RESOURCE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON, EACH READING INCLUDES A GUIDED MEDITATION, APPLICABLE SCRIPTURE READINGS, HYMNS, PRAYERS, CREEDS, AND PROMPTS FOR PETITION AND CONFESSION. FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, THIS DEVOTIONAL WILL HELP CHRISTIANS FOCUS ON JESUS AND MEDITATE ON THE MYSTERY OF HIS INCARNATION.

40 DAILY DEVOTIONS: FEATURING SEASONAL SCRIPTURE READINGS, HYMNS, PRAYERS, AND CREEDS, AS WELL AS TIME FOR MEDITATION, PETITION, AND CONFESSION
CREATED FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY: GUIDES READERS FROM NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH JANUARY 6
REPETITION THROUGHOUT READINGS: SCRIPTURE, HYMNS, AND CREEDS REPEAT TO HELP READERS MEMORIZE IMPORTANT MATERIAL
WRITTEN BY JONATHAN GIBSON

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How does the incarnation comfort us when our family is sick?

Each week we'll take a practical circumstance in life and look at how aspects of the person & work of Christ bring Gospel rest, joy, and courage into those situations. From now through Advent we'll be focusing on the incarnation.

When our family is sick, especially when the bug is going through our home and seems like it will never end it can be annoying. But that annoyance can grow into concern and concern into fear. And in the midst of that we need reminded that we're loved, that we're safe, and that we belong.

In this weeks CBR we read, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16

At the heart of this passage we're reminded that there is a throne over the cosmos and one seated on it. We're also assured that we can have confidence to draw near to it. And we're promised that it is not just any throne, but a throne of grace!

But who is this throne of grace for? Those who are in time of need and have come to find grace and receive mercy. Need. Grace. Mercy.

But the shocking part of this text is the grounds for our confidence to come find help and mercy exactly when we're needy.

The incarnation.

Let's read it again: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

The creator of the cosmos who sits on its throne of grace joined us in our weaknesses by becoming like us. He feels with us. He bears us. But he did this to join us in our weakness - not as a Sherpa or a performance coach, but as a High Priest - a mediator - come to be sufficient FOR us exactly in the place of our insufficiency.

So when my family is sick and the sickness won't end I'm reminded that the one who is reigning over the bug and it's spreading is toward me in grace. He helps me. He gives me mercy. And every single thing he permits is from love and for good. But again, how do I know that? Because there is no place of need that he did not willfully choose to join you in so that he could be sufficient for you. Because God became man you know you're loved. And because he remains man and has united you to himself you know he feels with you as the head with its body. And because he feels every single thing he permits you know you are seen and therefore safe. You belong to Christ because in his body he took you to himself.

So when the family gets sick and it doesn't seem it will ever end remember that Christ will only permit it as long as it's necessary and even while you're in it he bears it with you. Then with confidence draw near to him - barge in on his throne of grace and receive mercy and find help.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

If you have ideas for the newsletter or any feedback, please email connect@christchurchbeaches.org. We'd love to hear from you!