

THE CORNERSTONE

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Please make note of our Summer Schedule. Here's a list with locations of all Sunday School classes being offered from 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning!

All children and youth will move up for Sunday School Classes and mid-week programs on June 5th. Questions? Contact Pastor Jeff.

Nursery ~ CPCC Nursery, Main floor, 1st room off the Fellowship Hall

Preschool ~ CPCC Classroom, Main floor, Middle classroom off the Fellowship Hall

Kindergarten to 5th Grade ~ North Balcony Classroom, Upstairs 3rd Level

Middle School ~ CPCC Middle Classroom - Upstairs 3rd level

High School ~ CPCC South Balcony Classroom - Upstairs 3rd level

Young Adult Class (ages 18-29) ~ Pastor Derek's office

JC's Class, Led by Eric Cook ~ Community Center Classroom ~ "1 & 2 Peter"

Jason Vinsonhaler's Class ~ Church Parlor, 2nd Floor ~ "Daniel"

Randy Spilker, Tyler Crow & Pastor Tim's Class ~ CC Art Room (Main level)

The Life and Teachings of Jesus

a message from
OUR SENIOR PASTOR



Derek Slack

Inspection Connection

James 1:25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

James is speaking about the Word of God here and this phrase, “looks intently” was also referred to as stooping down and taking a closer look at something. For instance, my son, Jonah, never just accepted that things work the way they do because he was told so. He always wanted to ask question after question, or even goes as far as tearing things apart to see how they operate.

When he was a little boy, he would pick up our dog Brick and would inspect him all the time. He would lift his ears and look inside, and pull his tail out straight because it was always curled up. He would even inspect his food to see why Brick would want to eat it. You know how those inspections would go down.

What I think James is saying in this verse, is we need to take time and gaze on the word of God daily. Not just read it, but pull its ears up and look inside, straighten its tail out to see why it is curled, and inspect why it tastes the way it tastes.

James is saying to not be content with just a little bit of the Word. Don't let Sunday define your faith. Dive in and dive in deep, because remember that world out there? It is a cruel world, and it will tear you apart without the sustenance of God's Word to carry you through.

The idea is to connect every time that you can. Sometimes that might mean you have to sacrifice, and it should not feel like a sacrifice but a pure joy, an eager excitement! The language that James is using here is that we are looking “with penetrating absorption,” as David Platt says.

The man who absorbs the word of God will not forget the word of God. There is a clear contrast that James paints of that kind of person in verses James 1:23-24.

²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

It's a ridiculous analogy, the idea that a man looks in the mirror and sees himself and forgets who he is. James is being sincere though too. How many times do we hear the Word of God and then just go out and do that thing?

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James is reminding the people of God not to forget His promises. God did this in the Old Testament with Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

God was telling them to do this while they were full; while their homes were upright and their flocks were growing, and they were no longer slaves. He also wanted them to remember that He had brought them through so much already. Don't forget His promises.

But before you tell me that you can't memorize scripture, let's remind ourselves of the things that we do have committed to memory. How many song lyrics are in your memory? How many quotes from movies or tv shows are in your head?

We tend to commit to memory the things that are most dear to us. Psalm 19 tells us that the Word of God is more precious than gold. Do we value scripture enough, friends? What good is Sunday morning if we are not committing His Word to our hearts and minds?

Take some time this month to fully invest in the Word and see if God does not lay out a healthy foundation for you to walk on.

Swimming in the deep end,

- Derek

STUDENT MINISTRY



Jeff Martens

High School & Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the church. Dinner is served at 6:00.

High School Youth Group meets Sunday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pastor Jeff's house. Lunch is served.

Contact Jeff at 785-845-4131 with questions.

Our Summer Intern

Hey, y'all, my name is Elijah White. I get the awesome opportunity this year to step in as the summer intern. I'm going to be working with the children and youth. I believe everyone knows me, but if you don't, my parents are Bill and Kim White. They have been attending CPCC since the time the doors first reopened. They were here for the first Sunday service and I was with them. From the time I was three years old, and to this day, CPCC has been my church home and family. I started working with the youth as soon as I was "old enough". It has always been a passion of mine to work with youth and to share the word and hope of God with them. I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us this summer. Please be in prayer for the youth and myself as we go to camps this summer and spend intentional time in prayer, worship, and study, in the pursuit of a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity.



		
PAINTING - YARD WORK - BABYSITTING		
RENT A YOUTH		
	FUNDRAISER	CONTACT PASTOR JEFF AT 845-4131.
FOR YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMP		
PLEASE GIVE ALL DONATIONS TO PASTOR JEFF. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO CPCC WITH "YOUTH" IN THE MEMO LINE.		THIS SUMMER PICK YOUR DAY & THE PROJECT - OUR TEENS WILL DO THE WORK!

Move Up Sunday

Congratulations, parents & students, on completing another school year! On Sunday, June 2nd, students will "move up" to the Sunday School Classes and mid-week programs corresponding with their grade in the Fall.

Please contact Jeff or Miranda if you have questions.

We are looking forward to an amazing summer with your students!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Kid's Evening Program

Pre-K to 5th grade activities are held on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the church. Dinner is served at 6:00.

Summer Camps

Middle School Camp

Re:New King Solomon
June 20th-24th
6th-8th grade | \$225

Preteen Camp

Re:New King Solomon
June 27th-30th
5th-6th grade | \$200

High School Retreat

CIY - Dallas, TX
July 11th-16th
9th-12th grade | \$450

Vacation Bible School
August 1st-5th
Preschool-5th grade | Free!

Contact Jeff at
785-845-4131
with questions.

Congratulations Graduates



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jimmy Vinsonhaler

Jimmy will be graduating from Seaman High School and Washburn Institute of Technology as a certified Machine Tool Tech. He plans to pursue a career in building performance engines.

Tarryn Frost

Tarryn is graduating from Topeka High School. She plans to attend Washburn University in the Fall to study Nursing.

Amiyah Stafford-Gardenhire

Amiyah is graduating from Seaman High School. She plans to attend Johnson County Community College to study pre-nursing and then plans to attend the University of Kansas to obtain her nursing degree.

Samantha Myers

Samantha is graduating from Seaman High School. She plans to attend the University of Kansas in the Fall and to attend their Industrial Design School. She is one of only 20 students in the nation accepted into the program.

Victor Hercules

Victor is graduating from Topeka High School.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Claire Folster

Claire graduated Summa Cum Laude from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with an emphasis in Social Work and a minor in Forensic Psychology.



Listen to advice and accept discipline and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

- Proverbs 19:20-21

Greetings from the elders!

The elders would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to Abigail White, whose time as an intern comes to a close at the end of May. She has been a huge help to the rest of the staff and the youth and children’s ministries over the last two months. As you know, she will be heading overseas soon to share the love of Jesus and spread the chain-breaking power of the Gospel. She will always be part of the family of Central Park Christian Church and we are excited to hear how God is using her. Please join us in continuing to pray for Abigail.

In other news, on May 8th, we announced the hiring of a familiar face for the role of Connections Pastor. Jeff Martens will move into that role beginning June 1st. Throughout the visioning, job description writing, and hiring process, God has shown up in big ways. Looking back, we see His fingerprints on the process. Jeff’s ability to build relationships with all ages and demographics will serve him well in this position. This is a huge job though, so he will need a team of people around him to accomplish the vision of whole-church connection.

With Jeff moving into the Connections Pastor role, we will be hiring a new Youth and Children’s Pastor. We have posted the position and reached out to the various Christian colleges in the region to make them aware of our search. A search committee has been formed by the elders to screen applicants. In the meantime, we’ve hired a summer intern to assist with the youth and children’s ministries. Our intern is another person most of the readers will recognize. Elijah White has expressed a desire to follow God’s call to full-time ministry, and a summer internship is an excellent way for him to learn what it means to be a youth pastor prior to beginning formal studies toward that end. Fortunately for us, and Elijah, we have two former youth pastors, Jeff and Derek, on staff who can pour into him.

The elders are continuing to look at improvements and repairs that are needed around the church property. The fire escape has been repaired, along with the lights in the sanctuary. A committee of deaconesses are also working on recommendations to improve the fellowship hall both aesthetically and functionally. These may not all happen at once, and we may need to fundraise, but having a vision for the space with an end goal in mind is key to making long-term improvements to the building. We will continue to monitor the church’s financial situation to ensure we make wise decisions. We know God will provide all we need and we trust Him. He has demonstrated His provision for Central Park Christian Church over and over through the past 18+ years financially, spiritually, and with the right people at the right time.

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” -Ephesians 3: 20-21

LEAD LIKE
JESUS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies' Bible Studies

Wednesdays

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

The Book of Acts

Led by Barb Gray.

*Group meets in
the CPCC Parlor.*



Deaconess' Meeting

The next Deaconess' meeting is

Saturday, July 9th

from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Prayer Shawl Meetings

*Tuesday, June 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the church
and Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Judi Cox.*



*Contact Judi at
272-9803
for more information.*

Monthly Bible Verse

¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ~ Colossians 3:13

IMPORTANT INFO

Young Adult Sunday School

Young Adults (age 18-29) are invited to join Pastor Derek in his office during the Sunday school hour. Topics vary and discussions are fun!

For more information, contact Derek.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Our card ministry team would like to celebrate your birthday and your wedding anniversary with you! If you are willing to share these special dates, please email Stacy in the church office at stacy@centralparkcc.org. This information will be shared with Alison Crow and her team. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast

& PIE-A-PASTOR YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

CENTRAL PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 1535 SW CLAY

FREE WILL DONATION

PANCAKES - EGGS
COFFEE - JUICE

PIE-A-PASTOR \$5 CHOOSE BETWEEN DEREK, JEFF, ELIJAH & SPECIAL GUEST JOHN CANTRELL

Every \$5 donation earns you one chance to GENTLY pie-a-pastor of your choosing with a whip cream pie. Unlimited entries - PIE 1 OR ALL 4!!!

The next Cornerstone newsletter will print Monday, June 27th. Please have all items to the office by 5 p.m. Monday, June 20th.

NEWS AND NOTES

JUNE CROSS GUARD

Sunday School
9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

June 5th
Lynden Landholm

June 12th
Brian Stovall

June 19th
Andrew Swickard

June 26th
Brad Broadbent

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. - Noon

June 5th
Lee Holmes
Chuck Shockey

June 12th
Mike Thomas
Rodney Barrand

June 19th
Randy Smith
Todd Huston

June 26th
Mike Swickard
Eric Cook

JUNE
DEACONESS
Jennie Lewis
Barbara Myers



This month Doorstep starts its 56th year of providing services to our neighbors in need!

Since March 2020, we have been providing all of our services, except clothing, by phone intake & interview. Clothing has been by appointment only since it opened up again. We've had approximately 75% of our volunteers return; however, there may be some that will not return since the pandemic. It is that time of year when our regular volunteers start to take trips and days off, and we barely have enough coverage for those days. Thinking ahead, once we return to in-person services again, we know we will need more volunteers. With a small staff of four, we rely heavily on our volunteers each day to accomplish so many tasks and help people in need.

We currently have openings in the food room, clothing room, sort room, front desk / check-in desk, and volunteers willing to do pick-ups for us; items such as bread, dog/cat food, and other miscellaneous items.

Most volunteer hours are Monday – Friday, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. You can visit our website <https://DoorstepTopeka.org> for a volunteer application, or stop in the office to pick one up. We also have a sheet outlining the positions and tasks. Once you return an application, our Volunteer Coordinator will review it and be in touch.



Sunday Nights! 6:30 to 7:30 PM
CPCC Sanctuary

Sunday **E**vening **T**eaching

An evening of focused teaching on the Word.

Prayer & Praise

In nothing be anxious, but in everything,
by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.

And the **PEACE**
OF GOD

which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts in

Christ Jesus

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7



*Our Thoughts &
Prayers are with...*

Agnes Cox

Currently living with her daughter, Juanita.

Darlene McCarter

McCrite Plaza Nursing Home Resident

Shirley Wolf

Atria Hearthstone Resident

Sandy Darnall

Ruble Ranch Assisted Living Resident

Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting

Join others at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings for 30 minutes, to spend time praising the Lord, praying for His leading and blessing, and asking Him to move powerfully in our classes and worship time.

The prayer meetings are held in Derek's office and are also available via Zoom.

zoom.us/j/2029856144 - passcode cpcc1535

Monday Prayer Meeting & Elders Meeting

All are invited to gather together on Monday evenings, at 6:00 at the church, to pray for our church, our city, our state, and the nation.

The prayer meetings are also available via Zoom.
zoom.us/j/2029856144 - passcode cpcc1535

*An Elder meeting will take place on the 2nd & 4th Monday immediately following the prayer meeting.

(*See calendar on page 13 for dates)



Monthly Events at CPCC...

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 PM Middle & Elementary Students Evening Activities (Dinner Served) 6:45 PM Women's Bible Study	2 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study at the church 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study at the church	3	4 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study <i>Group meets at the church.</i>
5 8:30 AM Group Prayer 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM SIAFU 12:30 PM H.S. Youth Group 6:30 PM S.E.T.	6 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting at the church & via Zoom	7 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl at the church 6:30 PM A.R.R.O.W.	8 6:00 PM Middle & Elementary Students Evening Activities (Dinner Served) 6:45 PM Women's Bible Study	9 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study at the church 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study at the church	10	11 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study <i>Group meets at the church.</i> Pancake Breakfast & Pie-A-Pastor 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
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Bill White

JOIN US DURING THE WEEK

Prayer Time - Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service & K-motion - Sundays at 10:45 a.m.
SIAFU - Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
High School Youth Group - Sundays 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Prayer Time - Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
A.R.R.O.W. - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Grade School Group - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.