



From the Pastor's Desk...

SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear Cup Family and Friends,

Fall is upon us, with all of the excitement and opportunity that getting back to school brings. All of the programming such as football, soccer, dance, scouting, (and Shine of course!) scramble to fill up our touch-screen calendars, leaving many of us to breathe a huge sigh of relief on Sunday morning. . . .but is it really worth it to 'sleep in' on the Sabbath?

This Fall we're taking a journey on that roller-coaster, kaleidoscope, grand finale of a book called 'REVELATION.' I want to give you four reasons from John's visionary writing on WHY WE NEED CORPORATE WORSHIP IN OUR LIVES, NO MATTER HOW YOUNG OR OLD WE ARE:

First, ***We Need Praise.*** God has created us as worshipping people. We will give our hearts and minds to something that we consider to be greater than ourselves. Shopping channels, food brands, political parties, sports teams, friend cliques – they all try to pull us into saying with our time, our money, and devotion – 'YOU'RE NUMBER 1!' But John shows us by entering the throne room of heaven (Chapter 4 of Revelation) that no one and nothing can compare with the majesty, glory and worthiness of God, our creator. No stadium, audience, or activity can compare with this!

Next, ***We Need Perspective.*** In John's day, Christians were a small minority, frequently misunderstood, marginalized, and even martyred. The Roman Empire called on everyone to worship Caesar as god, and to trust the power of the sword and the maxim, 'Might makes right.' The power and rage of political power that seeks only its own glory is frightening and distracting. Yet Revelation shows us over and over again that God is in charge, and the Lion who is also a Lamb holds the real key to our destiny. (Ch. 5) If we don't take time to hear preaching and teaching that reminds us of this, our heads, hearts, and priorities will be turned upside down, and it will destroy us (3:14-20, ch. 13)

Third, ***We Need People of Faith.*** One of the ways we can look at Revelation is as a set of nesting dolls – one step leads directly to the next, and the pieces won't fit unless we unlock them in order. The whole book begins with a vision of Jesus (1:9-20). We won't get anything else right unless we get Him right. Yet we can't get to the place of worship (Ch. 4-5) without first going through the church (Ch. 2-3). The Bible doesn't recognize individual, 'free agent' Christianity: we are baptized into family, and that family is the church. We have to help each other, because so many around us are fighting against the hope that we have without even knowing it. Corporate worship is as optional for the Christ-follower as oxygen.

Finally, ***We Need Power.*** There is too much chaos, brokenness, and pressure in the typical American's life to pretend that we can live hopeful, joyful lives without God, at long as we want to be in touch with reality. Jesus continually promises the churches facing incredible odds that if they keep looking to Him, they will receive not only what they *need*, but blessings dearer than their greatest desires. A crown of life (2:10). A blessed, brand-new name (2:17). The star of the morning (2:28). And, ultimately, the greatest wedding reception party the universe has ever seen (21:1-5, 22:1-4).

Friends, take the time to worship this Fall. Make it a priority. Bring your friends. You won't regret it.!

Cordially,
Pastor Scott

Deep Healing Prayer Opportunities

In the wake of Gary and Kathleen Hixson's time with us, several people have seen or experienced first-hand the dramatic power and love of God that comes in what has been called 'Deep Healing' prayer. Members of the CUP prayer team will be participating in these 2 hour sessions, but *all* content from these sessions will be confidential. Typically, we will have women pray for women and men pray for men.

Sunday September 20th

6:00-8:00pm Deep Healing Prayer Sessions

If you are interested in joining the CUP prayer team, please contact Pastor Scott.



**YANKEE RUN GOLF COURSE
FORE FINTONIA GOLF TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 22ND**



**64 Golfers Participated from 11 Churches
Over \$7,000. raised to build Church in Fintonia
\$832. raised for Retreat Vacation for Dominic, Ruth and the girls**

'BIG SALE' - SEPTEMBER 18th —19th

Drop off your "discarded treasures" AFTER TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th. Tables will be set up along the wall facing the parking lot. PLEASE NO ELECTRONICS OR OVERSIZED EXERCISE EQUIPMENT (ie. Tread mills) Baked goods and homemade jam also for sale!

'INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH' SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13th (Communion Sunday)

*Followed by a Church Picnic / Potluck
The Church will provide Chicken, Hot Dogs & Beverages. We are asking for any Side Dishes you are willing to provide. Hope to see you there!*

**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
BOSCOV'S—TUESDAY OCTOBER 20TH**

Once again the church will be part of Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" on Oct. 20th. Last year the church's profit was \$525.00. The \$5.00 fee stays at the church and the pass entitles the bearer to 25% off (plus any sales) on all clothing, candy, fashion jewelry and shoes, 15% off fine jewelry, luggage and linens, and 10% off small appliances, rug and toys. Please consider selling passes also to your friends and family. REMEMBER THE CHURCH MAKES ALL THE PROFIT!



**'SHINE' RETURNS
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23rd**

**Leaders Meeting
Wed. Sept. 16th
at 4pm & Parents
Meeting at 6:30pm**

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (resumes in September 21st)

Wednesday Youth Small Groups 6:30pm (resumes in fall)
Youth Girls at the Manse & Youth Boys in the Youth Room

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (September 9th)

Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group 9:00am (resumes September 10th)
3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (September 17th at Timberhouse /
Rolling Acres Golf Course)

Friday Night Small Groups 6:00pm (resumes September 11th @ The Hughes')

Saturday Morning Men's Group 7:30am (resumes September 12th)

NEW STUDY FORMING—'CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED'

MONDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 5th

DINNER AT 6pm FOLLOWED BY STUDY FROM 7-8pm IN THE YOUTH ROOM

The *Christianity Explored* course gives you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why it matters.

Each week of the course, you watch a DVD or listen to a short talk.

Christianity is pretty simple. It's all about one life, the life of Jesus. Five questions will be explored:

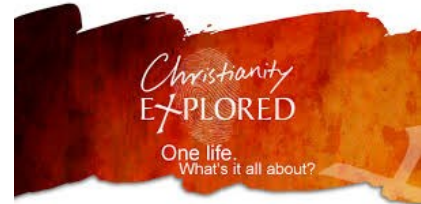
Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus Come? To be rejected

Why did Jesus Come? To be killed

Why did Jesus Come? To rise again

What does it mean to Us?



SEPTEMBER Calendar

<u>SEPTEMBER 1</u>	6:00pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
<u>SEPTEMBER 1-3</u>	2:00pm Directory Photos
<u>SEPTEMBER 3</u>	6:00pm OUTREACH
<u>SEPTEMBER 9</u>	1:00pm Game Day
<u>SEPTEMBER 10</u>	9:00am Women's Bible Study Begins
<u>SEPTEMBER 11</u>	6:00pm Small Group @ Hughes'
<u>SEPTEMBER 12</u>	7:30am Men's Group Study Begins
<u>SEPTEMBER 13</u>	10:00am 'Invite a Friend to Church' Sunday followed by Picnic/Potluck
<u>SEPTEMBER 15</u>	7:00pm SESSION
<u>SEPTEMBER 16</u>	4:00pm 'SHINE' LEADERS MTG. 6:30pm 'SHINE' PARENTS MTG.
<u>SEPTEMBER 17</u>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Timberhouse/Rolling Acres
<u>SEPTEMBER 18</u>	9:00am-3:00pm THE BIG SALE
<u>SEPTEMBER 19</u>	9:00am-1:00pm THE BIG SALE
<u>SEPTEMBER 21</u>	1:00pm Adult Bible Begins
<u>SEPTEMBER 23</u>	3:30pm 'SHINE' begins

<u>Mondays</u>	1:00pm Bible Study (September 21)
<u>Wednesdays</u>	3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm (September 23)
<u>Thursdays</u>	9:00am Women's Small Group (September 10) 7:00pm Choir Practice (September 10)
<u>Saturdays</u>	7:30am Men's Group (September 12)
<u>Sundays</u>	7:00pm Crosscurrent (September 13)
<u>3rd Sunday</u>	6:00pm Deep Healing Prayer Sessions (Sept. 20)

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH-

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

LOCATION: CAMP FREDERICK

2996 MILLROCK RD.

ROGERS, OH

**GUEST SPEAKERS: SCOTT & CAROL
BOERKEL**

Cost is \$60.—70. (depending on total number attending) and includes: Dinner on Friday, Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday in private lodge, Speakers, and overnight sleeping (2 rooms for men and women—bunk beds)

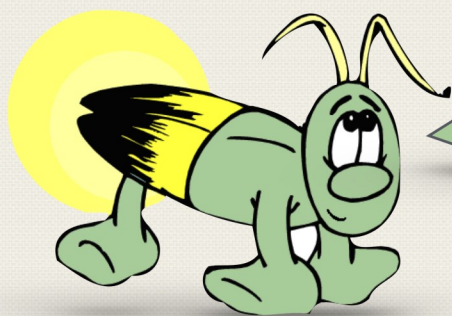
Children are encouraged to attend. We are only asking for \$15. to cover their meals.

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**Sign-ups are being taken with
reservations finalized in October.**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU
PARTICIPATE**

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Shine starts Sept 23!!!!

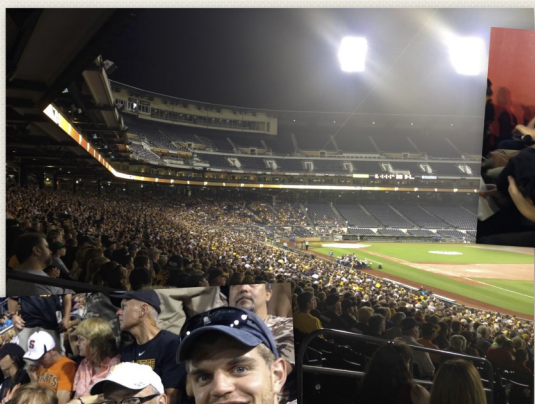
Sept 16:
Leader Meeting- 4pm
Parent Meeting- 6:30pm



Summer Fun



Faith Night



newest youth group members :-)



**Crosscurrent Kickoff-
Sept 13, 7pm**
Parents meeting included!

Dear Cup Church Family,

It is a great privilege to work with the children and youth and Cup Church! I am once again super excited to kick off our Fall programs- Crosscurrent on Sept 13th and Shine on Sept 23rd!!! Let's continue to join together in passing on the joy of the Lord to the next generation- Psalm 78:4. PS- Don't forget to get your clearances updated for this Fall!

In Christ, Matt Ulrich- Director of Children & Youth Ministries