

THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



From the Pastor's Desk...

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Cup family and friends,

Let's listen in on these marvelous words of David from Psalm 27:

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Ps. 27:1, 4-5)

How can David be so bold in the midst of fearful and troubling times? The answer is, he is taking time to pay attention to God's character. Typically, we would think that would mean he would focus on God's power, or majesty, and there are certainly verses where that is the theme. But here, David is focusing on God's beauty, and his desire to do this patiently (see verse 27:14) provides the foundation of his courage.

For the most part, evangelical Christians have done a good job in an antagonistic culture of maintaining a belief that God is objectively good. A bigger struggle, but one we're still hanging in there with, is maintaining the belief that God is objectively true. But the idea that God is, in himself, objectively beautiful? We seem to have let go of this idea in the mid-1800s with the dawn of the phrase, 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder.' Beauty is commonly considered to simply be a matter of opinion – who's to say that Rembrandt's painting is any better than my middle schooler's self portrait?

The importance of a bedrock trust in God's beauty is this: our hearts and our wills pursue that which we value the most. And beauty is the great motivator in our lives. For those of you who are married or dated significantly, how much time and attention did you put into attracting and courting the one you saw to be beautiful (or handsome?) When we catch a vision of God's beauty through his creation, or his word, or the work of his Holy Spirit in our lives, or in the life of his church, it can reshape our taste for what is truly Good – (Psalm 34:8). Only God is ultimately satisfying to our hearts, for God has wired us for that fellowship. When our eyes get cleared a bit from the fog of sin and distractions around us, we find a lasting joy, security, and sense of adventure that can lead us into fearless shouts of joy like David's. My doctoral thesis is focused on the beauty of God, and how it can motivate all of us in a variety of ways to grow in our relationship with him through different prayer and scripture mediation approaches.

Friends, take some time this fall to join a Sunday school group, a fellowship group, or enter into an aspect of Cup church's outreach ministry, such as the Shine program. You may be surprised at the beautiful things that begin to happen!

Blessings,
Pastor Scott



SHINE AfterSchool Program

**Returns Wednesday September 25th
at 3:30pm with a**

Family Dinner following at 6pm

**Online Registration is available at
www.cupepc.org**

**Ms. Joel is still looking for some
volunteers if you are available
to join the Program!**



**Sunday September 8th
Sunday School Launch starting at 9:15am**

**K -3rd Grades - TBA
4th – 6th Grades – Cindy Vannoy
7th – 12th Grades – Brian O’Roark
Young Adults – Kristina Graham
Adults – Pastor Scott & Jud Herter**

SMALL GROUPS FORMING

We are considering changing opportunities for Small Groups and are interested in your input.

This does include the already established Women’s and Men’s groups, as well as new studies including Young Adults. We would like to know times that would work with YOUR schedule in order to accommodate a larger group of people. There is a form in the Entry-way of the Church to fill out. Times would include Early and Late Morning, Afternoon and Evening and all 7 days of the week would be available. We look forward to your input.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES LED BY MS. JOEL
STARTING TUESDAY OCT. 1st IN THE YOUTH ROOM**

**Little’s Bible Study (K-3rd grades) from 6-7pm
Mini’s Youth Group (4th-6th grades) from 7-8pm**

BIG SALE



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20th

9:00am—5:00pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21st

9:00am—1:00pm



Drop Off for all your “unwanted treasures” is AFTER the Community Picnic on Sept. 8th.

And please remember—

NO oversized furniture or electronics!

SEPTEMBER Calendar

- September 3 5:45pm DEACONS
7:00pm WORSHIP
7:30pm TRUSTEES
- September 8 9:00am Sunday School Fall Launch
12:00pm Community/Church Picnic
- September 11 1:00pm Game Day
- September 15 6:00pm Crosscurrent Kick Off
- September 17 7:00pm SESSION
- September 19 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch
@ Timberhouse/Rolling Acres
- September 20 9:00am The Big Sale
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- September 22 5:00pm Youth Leave for Ignition
- September 24 7:00pm SHINE Parents' Meeting
- September 25 3:30pm SHINE RETURNS
6:00pm Family Dinner
- Every Monday 1:00pm Adult Bible Study (returns Oct.7)
- Every Tuesday 6:00pm Little's Bible Study (returns Oct.1)
7:00pm Mini's Youth Group (returns Oct.1)
- Every Wednesday 3:30pm SHINE After School Program
followed by Family Dinner at 6:00pm (returns 9/25)
- Every Thursday 9:00am Women's Small Group(returns 9/12)
7:00pm Choir Practice (returns 9/5)
- Every Saturday 7:30am Men's Breakfast (returns 9/7)
- Every Sunday 6:00pm Crosscurrent
(returns 9/15 - NEW TIME)
7:00pm Financial Peace University (9/1, 9/8)



SEPTEMBER 8TH
NOON—3pm

FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP

THIS PICNIC IS ALSO OPEN TO OUR COMMUNITY, SO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US!

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (Begins October 7th)
 Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (September 11th)
 Thursday Morning **Woman’s Small Group** 9:00am
 (Begins September 12th)
 3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch**
 (September 19th at Timberhouse/Rolling Acres
 please see Laura Crawford with your reservation)
 Saturday Morning **Men’s Group** 7:30am @ Eat ‘n Park
 (Begins September 7th)



‘FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS’ - SPONSORED BY BOSCOV’S (FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT CUP)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16TH 8am—11pm

\$5. SHOPPING PASS (available from Valerie Borsje)
 25% Discount to shop all day for apparel, candy, shoes, jewelry & more (in addition to sale prices)

15% off cosmetics, fragrances, housewares, home decor and luggage

10% off small appliances, rugs and toys

Those who see Jesus as the Bread of Life will never be hungry.



\$629.01 was collected during the week of Vacation Bible School for Fintonia School Supplies

CUP LIBRARY NEWS

“God Is Closer Than You Think” by John Ortberg is a book in our church library that has a lot of insight to offer to the reader who is looking for a more vibrant relationship with the heavenly Father. Through this book Ortberg unpacks two key truths. The first is God’s deep longing for us reaching across time and space. The second is that God is not always easy to detect but we can sharpen our ability to perceive him since he is constantly active and present in our lives.

“The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life” is a book written by Charles Stanley that also speaks to those yearning to develop a closer relationship with God. To quote Stanley, “Once you know what to look for and once you begin looking for it, you will be amazed at how real the Holy Spirit will become to you.”

This book demonstrates ways to look for the Spirit and is available in our library.

And finally **“Walking With God”** is another book we have to offer to the spiritual seeker. Written by John Eldredge, this book states that a relationship with God should be the purpose of our lives. It is the reason that God created us in the first place. God created Adam and Eve and all of mankind and womankind including each of us so that we can know him, love him and live our lives in intimate relationship with him.

These and many other books and videos are available for anyone to check out anytime the church is open and the library isn’t in use for a meeting. We have fiction and non-fiction, children’s books and books for teens. Just come and take a look, if you find something of interest, pull out the borrower’s card in the back pocket, sign it and leave in the small basket on the side table.

Paula Keefer, Cup Librarian

Welcome back!!!

Here we go again! Another year of school ahead of us. At this point all the children and youth kiddos are back in full swing of a new school year! I will ask right now that you pray for them all this year. Pray for safety and also that they can have amazing experiences sharing Gods love with their friends around them!

Crosscurrent Youth Groups Kick off is September 15th tentatively planned outside at the Manse! Join us at our new time 6-8pm! Please note Ignition is September 22nd. Interested in going, I need to know ASAP so I can order you a ticket. Cost is \$7 a student. We will leave the church at 5pm and return approx. 10pm. Keep an eye out on Facebook for a calendar for the years upcoming events.

Little's Bible Club Kicks back off October 1st 6-7pm in the youth room. For ages K-3d grade.

Mini's Youth Group Kicks back off October 1st 7-8pm in the youth room. For ages 4-6th grade.

Shine Kicks off September 25th!! Registration is OPEN!

A glimpse into the Cunniff's home. Marty, the girls and I have opened our home to an International Exchange student for the upcoming school year. Mark Chen moved in August 22nd and is attending BCCS. He is 16 years old and in the 10th grade. Mark comes from Wenzhou in Zhejiang Province of China. Mark is a 4th generation Christian whose father is an active Elder in his church back home. We are lucky to be so close to Geneva which offers a great bible study group and there is also a local church on College Hill that allows the Chinese students to continue to worship similar to the way they did back home. Mark has already joined the bible study and has been worshipping with that "church family" on College Hill. You will see him at CUP from time to time as well as Youth Group. I ask you to please welcome Mark as he continues to grow in his education and his faith while he is here with us.



As always I ask you please continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! There are so many great and wonderful things happening!

Your sister in Christ,
Joel Cunniff
CUP Children and Youth Director

