

10:00 Morning Prayer and Praise

LET US PRAY FOR YOU—Write your prayer request on a card and put it in the white wooden church.

"Let us pray" for:

- us to seek His rule, Kingdom, in our lives.
- those recovering from disasters and our role in helping.
- students, teachers, staff; and remember our college kids.
- upcoming ministries—Discipleship Seminar, Fall Fair.

CCF's Unifying Mission is to:

Be and make disciples of Jesus who love God and others to HIS glory

- Using our Spirit-given gifts and resources
- Relying on His strength
- Serving with His body, family
- Following Him through His Word

10:45 Lord, Rule, Reign, Here, Now!
Matthew 6:10

Kerry Doyal

LEARN FROM JESUS HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Jeff Powell will lead this Bible-based practical seminar at CCF, Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 and for college students—\$5. This includes snacks, lunch, and materials [scholarships available]. Mark your calendar and invite a friend.

UPCOMING MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

"Disciple Making" Seminar—September 16 [Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.]

Jeff Powell—Teaching Sunday, September 17 [10 a.m.]

Fall Family Fair . . . with Crafts and Vendors—October 14, here

YOUTH [MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS]

- September 13—**Plan, Pray, Study . . . snacks too**
- September 20—**Plan, Pray, Study . . . snacks too**
- September 23—**See You at the Pole Event** [\$5]

HOMESCHOOL MOMS' GROUP

CCF is hosting a support group for moms who homeschool [first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.]. Check the Commons for an informational flier or speak with Jessi Reed.

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BLESS HAITIAN WOMEN

Help to make or buy feminine hygiene kits for Haitian women. Speak with Ann Alvarez, Diane Bartholic, or Robin Doyal for details. We are partnering with an EFCA church and school in Haiti to meet this important need.

LADIES' BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

Ladies, join us as we study *Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy* by Christa Kinde, a Women of Faith book. Beginning September 23, we'll meet Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Find more details on the flier in the Commons or check with Jessi Reed. Bring a friend or two. Sorry, no childcare will be provided.

2017 BIBLE READ THROUGH

September 4-8	1 John 3 through 5; 2 John; 3 John
September 11-15	Mark 1 through 5
September 18-22	Mark 6 through 10
September 25-29	Mark 11 through 15

DO YOU NEED TO KNOW . . .

Do you need to know what activities are coming up?

Do you need to know if dates are available for your ministry activity?

Do you need to know if dates are available for your private use?

Check **The Calendar** section on our website [or the paper calendar pages in the office]. **To schedule your activity**, contact **Derek Bartholic**.

WITH CALENDAR INFORMATION IN MIND . . .

*ministry and small group leaders are reminded to check the website calendar for the remainder of 2017 and into 2018 for the listings of your ongoing group meetings, special events, etc.

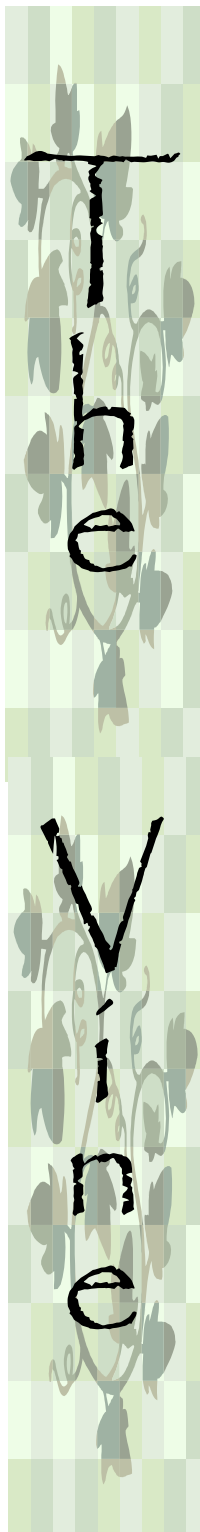
*in order to **'renew'** or adjust your meeting days, dates, times, and room locations, contact Derek Bartholic.

Please be sure all your calendar information is up to date into and for 2018.

Asking God to Rule, Have His Way, Here, Now!

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10

"Come, Lord Jesus!" is the Bible's last prayer (Revelation 22:21). It echoes the second request in Jesus' model prayer: "Your kingdom come . . . will be done, on earth as it is . . ." (Matthew 6:10). Both reveal a longing for God to make things right. They express a desire for His universal, righteous reign, for the eternal fulfillment of His dominion and will. Seeing the mess we have created, our hearts cry out for our Heavenly Father to be in charge: globally and personally. →



Jesus Prepares Our Hearts to Pray: (Matthew 6:1-8)

- Don't pray to be praised by others or with meaningless words
- Know that our Father knows our needs, and He cares (Psalm 103:13, 14)

Jesus Leads Us First to Our Heavenly Father:

- THE Father; OUR Father: Personal, Provider, Protective of Family (Luke 11:33)
- The ONE in Heaven: Exalted Father of Jesus! (John 14:1-6; 17:1-3; Revelation 3-5)

Our First Request: God, We Want You to be Reverenced

- **This plea is a passion, a first priority** (cf. Matthew 6:33; 2 Pet. 3:18)
"Father, I want You to get the rightful respect that's Yours."
Hallow: reverence, treated as holy; not used in vain (Exodus 20) "OMG"?
 - Hallow Him with our hearts: "sanctify Jesus as Lord" 1 Peter 3:15
 - Reverence with hands, words, thoughts, time, money. 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17

Your Kingdom: *Come Now!* His royal, righteous universal reign (βασιλευα)

- Huge theme, hope of Scripture. David's Son on the throne!
- God promised a Kingdom. This sustained His people. (Isaiah 52:7; Luke 2:52)
- "A prayer not mentioning the kingdom is no prayer." (the *Kaddish* in the Talmud)
- Magi sought, Simeon thrilled by, Jewish leaders threatened by so killed Jesus
- Jesus commanded Disciples to seek first (Matthew 6:33; Acts 1:1-8; Revelation 22:20, 21)
- **Currently in Christ—it has come!** (inaugurated eschatology)
Mustard seed, growing into a huge tree. (Matthew 13)
Not of this world. A spiritual kingdom, in us. (John 18:36; Luke 17:20)
- **Consummated Ultimately Through Christ** on Earth
And in the new heavens and earth: Revelation 11:17;20-22; Matthew 19:23, 28
- **Corporately in the Church:** He rules as head over His body: Philippians 2:9-14; Ephesians 5; Colossians 1:13-20
- **Citizens of the Kingdom** who bend their knee: me, you? (Romans 12:1, 2; 14:8, 9)

Your Sovereign Will: *Let It Be Done!* It is and should be.

- "As in heaven" (ως εν ουρανω): His full will is followed freely there. It's heavenly!
- "Also upon earth" (και επι γης): His will is resisted, ignored, feebly fought here.
 - Spiritually: Satan, the world, our flesh resist His will. (Genesis 3; Revelation 19)
 - Yet, globally, every knee will bow. (Philippians 2:6-11; Isaiah 45:23; 52:7; Revelation 20:4)
 - We are to be good kingdom subjects. John Stott: discern, desire and do God's will.
 - Obey, joyfully accept His Will. It's good, perfect, acceptable. (Romans 12:1, 2)

Jesus is Ultimate Kingdom Citizen: "Not my will, but Yours" (Matthew 26:42)

Bigger Kingdom focus. He willingly took this odd "detour," trusting, yielding.
Personal submission of safety, comfort and life itself for God's will.

- Do you long** for THAT DAY when the all wise, just, powerful, compassionate One will rule?
- Do you share** His kingdom hope with those needing to become loyal subjects?
- Do you let Him rule** in your life now? Mull over Romans 14:8, 9.
- Assignment:** Daily use the Lord's Prayer. Plead for His royal rule, here, now, in you.

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

"JESUS, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY"

To hear something familiar in an unfamiliar way helps you hear it anew. Eugene Peterson's Message is one way to re-hear the Lord's Prayer and its context. Listen up, again:

"The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best—

as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

Matthew 6:7-13 –The Message

Welcome, Guests! We are honored to have you with us. Please let us know how we can be of help. Also, please fill in an information card and put in the offering box.

Children are dismissed to classes after our shared time of worship. **We also have a nursery.** Infants are welcome in the service. Please be sensitive to the distraction those cute, squirmy ones can be. **Thank you.**

Let's connect! Visit our website at ccffriends.org and Facebook at facebook.com/ccffriendssarver. Pastor Kerry's number is 724-664-9193 [call or text]. Connect via e-mail at kerry.doyal@gmail.com or Facebook.