

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:

- lasting fruit from the Virginia camp ministry.
- the Lord to use our VBS.
- the Freeport fire victims as they recover.
- great summers for parents with kids home from school.

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 **A Life-Giving Vision of Hope**
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Kerry Doyal

FREEPORT FIRE VICTIMS

A spaghetti dinner to benefit those affected by the Freeport fire is being held today, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the South Buffalo Fire Hall, 695 Freeport Road, Freeport. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children, children under 5 are free. There will be a bake sale, a Chinese auction, and a 50-50 drawing as well. Baked goods and auction items are welcome.

AL FISH MEMORIAL SERVICE

CCF is hosting the home-going celebration of Al Fish on Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m. You are invited to join in that celebration of Al's life. Today's insert is a replica of the sign-up sheet that you will find on the information table in The Commons. **Before you leave today**, would you check to see the areas in which you may serve and indicate your willingness to participate by signing up.

YOUTH—MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS [7 TO 8:30 P.M.]

- July 18 and 24—**to be announced**
- August 1 to 3—**VBS helpers**

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us Friday evening, July 27, beginning at 7 p.m. for a **Family Game Night** at CCF. And mark your calendar as well for another family event on August 17. Contact—Zak Kennedy.

VBS—AUGUST 1 TO 3!

Join us from Wednesday to Friday, 6:30 to 8 p.m., for VBS—play, sing, learn, do crafts. Friday night will be supper and a campfire! Bring little ones with you. Teens will be helping.

BAPTISM

Do you need to publicly declare your faith in Jesus through this act of discipleship [Matthew 28:18-20]? Speak to Kerry or Matt Smith.

2018 BIBLE READ THROUGH

July 16, 17, 19

July 18

July 20

Psalm 85, 86, 87

Proverbs 29 [Wednesday is for Wisdom]

Matthew 13:1-23

A LIFE-GIVING VISION OF HOPE FROM A VALLEY OF DRY BONES

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says:
Come. O breath from the four winds!
Breathe into these dead bodies
so they may live again."
Ezekiel 37:9b

1 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord . . . 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live . . . Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'" (from **Ezekiel 37:1-14 -NIV**)

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A LIFE-GIVING VISION OF HOPE FROM A VALLEY OF DRY BONES

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Breath, Come Breathe, on these Dead Bones

~Hope, and a Prayer, from Ezekiel. 37:1-14~

- Breathe on me, Powerful Creator (Ezekiel. 37:9; Ephesians 2:4, 5)
- Only You can bring life, hope, and purpose (Romans 10:13; Titus 3:3-8)
- New again, I will seek You first and foremost (Matthew 6:33)
- Exiled no more, enlist me for Your purposes (Titus 2:11-14; James 1:22)
- Savior, I am Thine. Use me! (Ephesians 2:8-10)

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved . . . for, **“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

(Romans 10:9, 10, 13 –NIV)

“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:3-7 –NIV)

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

Do what it says.”

(James 1:22)

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THE DEAD, MADE ALIVE, BY GRACE!

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:1-10 –NIV)

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.**

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