

### Morning Prayer and Praise

#### "Let us pray" for:

- lives that treasure God and His kingdom first.
- students, parents, teachers, and staff as school begins.
- Upai and Amber Jasa and the boys as they study in Australia.
- Ngonda Nadege, the 17-year-old orphan we support in D. R. Congo.

#### 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 What Do You Treasure Most of All?**

**Matthew 13:44-46**

**Kerry Doyal**

### PRAY FOR CCF'S STUDENTS

As schools restart, let's pray for students, teachers, and all staff members.

### WORSHIP, PICNIC, AND BAPTISM

On Sunday, September 9, we will have our worship service, a picnic, and baptisms under the pavilion. Provide food to share and a comfy camp chair. The Alex Ielase family and some youth from McKeesport EFC will be with us.

### BAPTISM ON SEPTEMBER 9

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.

### MEN'S GROUP

Men . . . we will resume meeting on Saturday, September 15, 9:30 a.m., here. We will continue meeting on Saturday, September 29, with a tentative plan to meet every other week. This will be a study in Philippians and Colossians. Books are available for six guys. Check in with Zak Kennedy to indicate your plans to participate.

### HOPE4GIRLS

**Hope4Girls** will meet on Thursday, September 6, at 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 19, at 7 p.m. Please note the time changes. Look for an email from Ann Alvarez for more details!

### 2018 BIBLE READ THROUGH

**August 27, 28, 30**

Psalm 103, 104, 105

**August 29**

James 4 [Wednesday is for Wisdom]

**August 31**

Matthew 13:44-58

### UPCOMING EQUIPPING AND MINISTRY EVENTS

**September 5**—Rosebrook chapel and games

**September 9**—worship, baptism, and picnic under the pavilion

**October 20**—Fall Craft Fair

**November 9 to 11**—Ministry Skills 101 with Pastor Bud Smith

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

- August 29—**Back to School Party and Cookout**
- September 5—**return to Rosebrook and Sheetz!**

### FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

Our next two **Family Game Nights** are scheduled for Friday, September 21, and Friday October 26, beginning at 7 p.m., here. Bring a snack and a favorite game. Contact—Zak Kennedy.

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For we are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus  
for good works,  
which God prepared ahead of time  
for us to do.

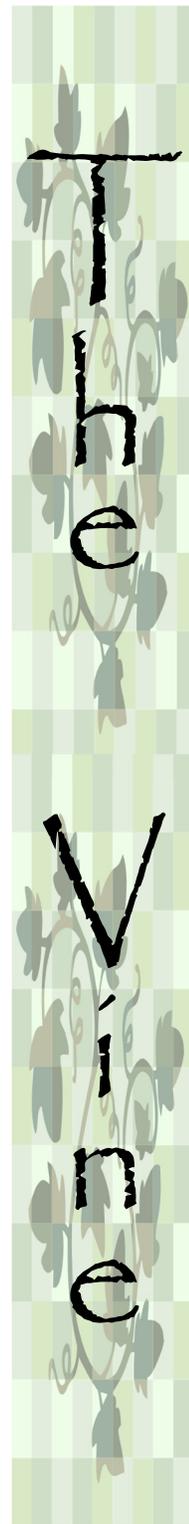
[Ephesians 2:10 –CSB]

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### ***DISCIPLES JOYFULLY SEEK TO BE UNDER GOD'S SOVEREIGN REIGN***

What Value do You Give to God's Rule?—from Matthew 13:44-46

Wait: Sell EVERYTHING to buy what? What in the world could possibly have such worth? In today's two parables—unique to Matthew—Jesus declares that being part of God's eternal regal realm is of unequalled value. In Jesus' estimation, it is worth any sacrifice. Do you share His assessment of God's kingdom? Do you live out a discipleship that shows you agree? (See Vine front for passage.)



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[continued]

That WE can be Under HIS Righteous Rule is:

**A Stunning, Life-changing Discovery** (cf. Matthew 25:25)

- Happened upon. Serendipitous (vs. 44)
- Looking for. Searching (vs. 45, 46; 6:33)

**A Treasure of Unmatched Value** (θησαυρός – thēsaurō)

- Sold all to obtain it!
- As Jesus told his disciples: “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? (Matthew 16:25-26 –ESV)

**Deserves a Joyous, All-in Commitment**

- “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1 –ESV)
- Jesus said: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23 –ESV)

**Should Set Off a Ruthless Priority Check**

- ✓ **How well do these passages describe you?**  
“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21 –CSB)  
“Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also . . .  
“No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore I tell you: Don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothing? . . . But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.”  
(Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 25, 33 –CSB)

**Personal Assessment/Application:**

- ✓ **What do you truly value most?** What evidence is there?
- ✓ **Can, do you pray this with honesty,** about your own life?  
“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10, 11 –CSB; cf. 6:33)
- ✓ **Disciples, joyfully give thanks** “to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints’ inheritance in the light. He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:9-14 –CSB)

## Christ Community Fellowship

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What do you most value? Your top treasure is . . .? In Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus gives us two quick, vivid pictures of His Father’s rule. Jesus conveys the unequalled value of discovering, being part of God’s regal realm, His kingdom. You can hear an echo of Matthew 6:33—yes, look it up. Hear 13:44-46 from two different versions.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (ESV)

“God’s kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

“Or, God’s kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it. (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.**

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