

Morning Prayer and Praise

"Let us pray" for:

- lives that strive to honor God's gracious gifts and calling.
- 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 **Live Fittin'! Walk Worthy of Our Calling**
Ephesians 4:1-3

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 SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Guys . . . join us for fellowship and growth in the Lord, 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.

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

- September 5—Rosebrook [7 p.m.] and Sheetz!

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

September 3, 4, 6

September 5

September 7

Psalms 106, 107, 108

James 5 [Wednesday is for Wisdom]

Matthew 13:44-58

UPCOMING EQUIPPING AND MINISTRY EVENTS

September 5—Rosebrook chapel [6:30] and games [7 to 8 p.m.]

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

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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urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience,
bearing with one another in love . . .

[Ephesians 4:1-2 –ESV]

A FITTIN' WALK—LIVING UP TO OUR CALLING

Holy, Humble, Unifying Lives—from Ephesians 4:1-3

"It ain't fittin . . . it just ain't fittin." Maybe you recall Mammy's condemning lines from *Gone With the Wind*. She was not shy about sharing her disapproval. Behavior that was inappropriate—usually that of Miss Scarlett—was not fitting, or in line with whom someone was. In one instance, when the newly widowed Scarlett did not wear black long enough to display her grief, it wasn't fitting; her status, not her waistline. Party clothes did not suit the bereaved in Antebellum Georgia.

In contrast to Scarlett, a believer's life is to match our identity. Our walk should seek to fit our calling from God. His redeemed children, we are to have lives that befit our relationship with God. Paul calls the believers in Ephesus—and us—to live up to and live out our lofty spiritual status (see Ephesians 1:3-14). After three chapters loaded with our spiritual blessings in Christ, we are now told to live in a way that fits our calling.

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Spiritually Blessed Ones: Live in Line with Our Calling

Walk Worthy; Live Consistent with Whose we Are

- He graciously calls us to Himself (Ephesians 1-3; Romans 8:28, 12:1, 2)
- He calls us to live suitably, appropriately, “as becometh”
- See Philippians 1:27; Colossians 1:10; 2:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 1 John 2:6

Essential Elements of a Worthy Walk:

- **all humility:** lowliness of mind (Acts 20:19; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 3:8; 5:5)
From NET: “having a humble opinion of one's self; a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness; modesty”
 - **gentleness:** “quiet behavior,” “meekness.” “The word is often used in Hellenistic Greek of the merciful execution of justice on behalf of those who have no voice by those who are in a position of authority (Matthew 11:29; 21:5—from NET)
 - **patience:** longsuffering, “taking whatever comes” (Galatians 5:22-25)
 - **bearing with one another in love:** “putting up with one another”
 - **eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** (ESV)
 - **Pursuing one-ness** in Christ's body (cf. John 17; Colossians 3:14). “making every effort to keep” (NET) “being diligent to preserve” (NASB) “Taking care to keep the harmony of the Spirit in the yoke of peace.” (BBE)
 - **Because:** “There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:4-6 –ESV)
- ✓ Is your life congruent to your calling—fitting, or at odds?
✓ Are you passive or proactive in keeping peace in His Body?
✓ An assignment: With His help, work on which least describes you.
“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.” (NLT)

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LIVE UP TO YOUR CALLING

After three rich chapters filled with all that God has done for us in Christ, Paul exhorts the Ephesian believers—and us—to live worthy of our high calling. By grace, God has made us His own. Now, live up to it! Soak up prisoner-Paul's admonition in Ephesians 4:1-6.

“I beg you—I, a prisoner here in jail for serving the Lord—to live and act in a way worthy of those who have been chosen for such wonderful blessings as these. Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Try always to be led along together by the Holy Spirit and so be at peace with one another.

“We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and we all have the same God and Father who is over us all and in us all, and living through every part of us.” (The Living Bible)

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.