



Group Life

Area Leader

Do you struggle? (“you” just being “you”), I do.... I struggle every day and that’s my daily prayer

during my quiet time with God. I ask God to help me thru his Holy Spirit to be more like his Son. I discovered that Small groups is one of the places that makes me want to get closer to God and to engage with other Christians and share our struggles, victories, joys and laughter. I find it so refreshing. I would like to make a special invitation to you to participate: sign up for a small group. Our small groups will re-start the second week of September. this is one of the places that brought me closer to God helped me form friendships that will last a lifetime. We encourage one another and keep things in perspective. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me at Alex@gotoChrist.com. We have groups every day of the week with very awesome topics coming up. Hope you sign up! Love you all in Christ love. Alex



September 2018 Monthly Update

Jeff Anderson Returns to CCC

Join us on Sunday, September 9 at 8:45 am and 10:30 am as Jeff Anderson returns to lead us in worship and special music. Jeff is a favorite around CCC who leads us into the Presence of God through the Holy Spirit. Don’t miss this awesome morning of music and connection with the Lord. Jeff lives in Orange County and served at CCC for six months in 2017 as our interim worship leader. Invite your friends and family to join us.



Leadership Huddle

All CCC Leaders and coordinators will gather on Sunday evening, September 9 from 6-8:15 pm for our fall leadership huddle. It will be a time of team building, training and vision casting for all. Clear your calendars and be sure to join us.

Prayer for Cancer Patients

Join Diane and With His Strength Ministries the second Wednesday of each month for a time of prayer for all the people in our lives fighting cancer. Most of us know someone who has been facing this diagnosis. Invite them to come out for prayer. It’s open to anyone from our church and the San Diego community. It will be on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Red, White & Blue Room at CCC.

Women’s Prayer

Join Tracy and Diane and other women from CCC for a time of prayer on the 3rd Saturday each month. It’s a time to pray for our hearts, our families, our church, community and nation. Invite others to come out for prayer. It’s open to anyone from our church and the San Diego community. It will be on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 am in RWB Room.



Water Within Returns to CCC

Water Within returns to CCC the weekend of September 8-9 for their annual visit to Southern California and CCC to lead us in worship. On Saturday evening, September 8, at 6 pm Water Within will lead us in an extended worship concert, sharing their testimonies and leading us into the Presence of God. On Sunday, September 9, they will lead us in worship sets at both the 8:45 and 10:30 am service. Invite your friends for an amazing weekend of worship in

the Presence of God. This wonderful duo has blessed us so abundantly in the past. Bring everyone you know and come out for Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Become a Member of CCC

Why become a member? Membership is simply saying “Yes, I’m in! This is my church and I believe in what God is doing here and want to be a part of it.” We’re hoping you’ll consider becoming a member of CCC. It’s easy to commit to membership. Attend the Membership seminar listed below. Fill out a registration profile. Attend the membership confirmation worship service. It’s that easy! Our fall seminar is: **101 CCC Membership Seminar**—Become a member of CCC. Join Pastor Darrell more about the church, our history and vision. Free pizza dinner and childcare too. RSVP to PastorDarrell@gotoChrist.com **Sunday, Sept. 16—6:15-8:30 pm.**

Zumba

Ladies, do you love to dance and exercise? Join us for Zumba, an exercise fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez during the 1990s. It is a fitness-party with a contagious blend of Latin and international rhythms that provides a fun and effective workout. Come and party with us on September 29th at 10am for about an hour of fun and exercise. Roberta Winston will also be teaching us the steps so don’t worry if you haven’t try this before. The class will be in the sanctuary at CCC so there will be lots of room for dancing and having fun! The cost is only \$5 and you can pre-register on-line or pay at the door. We hope you will join us! Email diane@gotochrist.com for more information.



Men’s Breakfast

Our next Men’s breakfast will be this Saturday, September 8 at 9 am at Denny’s Restaurant on Miramar Road. Come out, bring a friend, enjoy food and fellowship. All guys are welcome to join us! Contact Dan Cobb with questions. dvcobb58@gmail.com

Recycling

Bring your CA redemption bottles and cans to church with you on Sat. & Sun, Sept. 29-30 and support our LoveActs ministries! Drop them off in the pick-up truck located in front of the church with the recycling sign on it. This money helps us serve people in need in our community through a variety of ministries.





Women's/ Prayer Pastor

The retreat is getting closer. Can you feel the excitement growing? A retreat is an awesome and wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually, rest and connect with other Christian women. It is October 19 –21 at Forest Home. Forest Home is beautiful with lots of trees and trails. We had a great time last year and we are going to do it again!!! It's hard to explain all that happens at a retreat but it is something you don't want to miss. God really shows up! It's only \$199 which includes the program, dorm room, meals and recreation. We will carpool together up to the San Bernadino Mountain area. Have you heard about the massages? Yes, it's true, you can get a massage and your favorite latte too (these are extra so bring some money if you are interested). There is a unique link for our group to sign up for the retreat on the women's ministry page on our website, www.gotochrist.com. Don't delay if you are interested, you must be signed up and paid for one month in advance! The deadline is September 18th. Email if you have questions, diane@gotoChrist.com. If you need help signing up, just let me know, I'll be happy to assist you! I'm looking forward to this retreat. I'm so excited to be able to spend time with you and get to know you! Love you! Diane

Youth

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So...why is youth group so important? Especially when you have a billion other opportunities to hang out with your friends and have fun...Youth group is important because you need allies. Youth group is so much more than another opportunity to make friends. Youth group helps you build a support system. Being a young believer is incredibly rough - you are constantly being exposed to people who are telling you how to live your life. Some of it is good advice, and most of it isn't. Youth group is a place where we look to the ultimate source on how to live, the Bible And as your youth leaders, we aren't going to pretend we know it all because we don't. But we know where to look for the right answers, and we know how hard the struggle is. We are in your corner and are on your team as we figure out the way God wants us to live our life together! Don't forget to check out Bagels & Bibles on Sunday, September 2nd and Sunday, September 16th at 9 am in the Red, White, and Blue room! - Amanda



Deacons

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I would like thank those who delivered meals this month. I know that the summer months are busy for many of us and it may be difficult to find time to prepare an extra meal to deliver to a family going through something but the extra effort is truly appreciated by those receiving the meals. Here are a few suggestions I read recently that can help keep us from becoming overwhelmed as we care for others. While taking care of yourself may seem like a luxury, the reality is it is a necessity. After all, we must care for ourselves in order to give our best to God and others. **1.** Eat well. Nourish your body with the proper nutrition and fuel. **2.** Slow down. Don't be afraid to pause. Even a short walk out doors or a relaxing cup of tea can do wonders. **3.** Share your needs. It's okay to be needy. Others can't help if they are unaware of your situation. **4.** Plan some fun. Even a simple coffee date with a friend can provide encouragement and much needed laughter. **5.** Take care of your soul. Spend time with the Lord, praying and reading His word. Take time to appreciate God's beautiful creation. If you would like more information on how you can join our team and be a blessing to others in our church family, contact me, Ele at eleanorsiegrist09@gmail.com 619-889-5256



Outreach

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I have a thought that I'd like to share with you all: we are truly responsible for each other. It sounds so dramatic, but when I was going through a very heart-breaking time in my life, I was so discouraged, my world was crashing down and I felt like nothing. I was on an elevator and this man gets on, looks me in the eyes, smiles and says, "Hi! Good morning!" All of a sudden my mood flipped. This person actually saw me, was kind and that one tiny interaction gave me enough encouragement to get through the rest of the day. Now, imagine if he had instead been negative? I could have continued to be in a bad mood and become bitter inside. So, realizing how such a simple gesture made a huge impact on me, I think about the rest of the world and realize people may do bad things as a result of never having been shown love in the first place and friends, we are called to be that light and love to the world. What if that was your purpose, to be the only messenger of love that person receives? Wow! Remember Luke's words in 6:32: "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." This simplest (not easiest) way of outreach can literally multiply Jesus' love and help heal the world. Let's do it for Him! FTL!



KidZONE

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Smaller churches are exciting places for children, and Christ Community church is blessed to fall in this category. It fills my cup of love to over flowing each Sunday as I see the interaction, kindnesses and love that is shared with our KidZONERS. I love the faith of a kid. It's a can-do faith. Children possess an inner enthusiasm that inspires and encourages. Children remind us of the way we used to be: carefree, innocent, exuberant, risky, and unconcerned about failures. When a newborn baby is dedicated at CCC, we all pledge, along with the parents, that we will do our part to help raise this child in a loving Christian environment. Our children are the church of tomorrow, but we mustn't forget they're also the church of today. Research shows us that children are the most receptive to Christianity, and if children don't find faith before middle school, it's unlikely that they ever will. We as a congregation are accountable for the children that God has brought to us. Even with twenty-five years of teaching experience, I shuttered when Pastor Darrell asked if I would consider joining the Children's Ministry team. I was in utter shock, and called my older sister saying, "How can I possibly teacher children about God, when I'm still trying to figure it all out?" Her calm, reassuring statement was simply, teach children, and you will learn about God. She was right!



Accounting

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Churches and Debt- Recently I was reading about Stewardship and Ministry and was very surprised when I read that over 50% of American churches are in debt. I realize that many churches are substantially larger than CCC and have permanent buildings to maintain, but still, is this considered good church stewardship? Proverbs 22:7 states "... the borrower is the slave of the lender." Why would it be any different in the church? I am happy to report that our church has no debt and our policy is to pay all bills when they are due. This is a business plan that honors God and I pray that He continues to bless CCC with a stream of income that, in turn, blesses our congregation and the community; and maybe a bit more so we can expand and increase our ministries. Do I hear an Amen? If you have any questions, please email me at Kathi@gotochrist.com.



LoveActs

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Hi Church! Praise the Lord! We received every single school supply item we needed AND some extras to start for next year! What a blessing to see the Lord's Church come together to serve the needs of kids and families in our community with help from other church families, providing over 140 backpacks with supplies. The next Homeless ministry is **Sunday, September 23rd**. Please bring cooked hot dogs in buns, soft fruits such as bananas, and oranges, chips, snacks, cookies, waters. We've been receiving fewer food donations, so please consider bringing snacks and fruit in addition to hot dogs if possible. Blankets are usually all handed out within 10 minutes or so, so we can use more! Please note that other donations are not being accepted at this time to allow room for these critically needed items. If you are interested in helping with any items or if we can help you or your family, please contact me at 619-301-1968 or Nicole@gotoChrist.com

Welcome

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We are looking for friendly people to help welcome others into our church on Sundays. We need a few more team members for the 8:45 service. If you would like to serve on this ministry, please give me a call or email me. Thanks so much. Pam pamsellssandiego@gmail.com

