

# Community Gospel Church Communications

Jan 8 ~ Christ Known Near and Far

## Check these out:

- **Women's Retreat**
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  - **Women's Bible Studies**
  - **Evening of Elegance**
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## Reaffirmation Vote

We will be taking a reaffirmation vote for Stephen Varner as an elder of CGC on January 25th directly after the morning worship gathering. Please take a moment to submit your vote that day.

## Scripture Readers

We are updating our list of people who read scripture for 2026. If you would like to be added to our list of people we regularly contact to read scripture and pray in our Sunday morning gatherings, please reach out to Bethany Muck to be added to the contact list at [bethany.muck@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.muck@gmail.com).

## Corporate Worship Opportunities

Are you looking for a place to get involved, get to know people, and serve together? Our Corporate Worship Ministry's Song Leading Team is in need of musicians to help lead musical worship on Sunday mornings. We have opportunities for all roles - male vocals, bass guitar, and keys. Interested? Contact Bethany Muck ([bethany.muck@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.muck@gmail.com))

## CGC ADULTS

We're excited to introduce CGC Adults, Community Gospel's brand-new outreach ministry — affectionately known as our "adult youth group." (Think: one no longer in the youth group, but not quite ready for senior ministry). Our goal with CGC Adults is to build some serious midlife momentum through fun, fellowship, and meaningful outreach events and we'd love for you to be part of what we have planned!

## Evening of Elegance

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Evening of Elegance @ 6:00pm on February 6<sup>th</sup> @ Coppes Commons Event Center. It is \$25.00 a person. Dinner is included. It will be a fun evening of games, prizes, food and dancing. Sign up [here](#).

## Weekly Bible Study

We invite you to join us for a new chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse study through the book of Jude. This study will take place every Sunday from 9 to 10am in the Conference Room (excluding the first Sunday of each

month, which is reserved for our corporate prayer gathering). No additional preparation is necessary - just come ready with your Bible to study God's Word and explore the rich lessons in the book of Jude. Whether you're a seasoned student of Scripture or new to Bible study, this will be a great opportunity to grow together in faith and understanding. All adults are welcome! We would love to have you join us for this enriching time of fellowship and learning. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been studying it for years, there's always something new to discover! Looking forward to seeing you there this Sunday!

### Truth About Us- Breakout Sessions with Pastor Jordan

Adults of CGC be sure to save the date: January 7, 14, and 21 from 6:15-8:00pm, Pastor Jordan will walk us through "The Truth About Us" by Brant Hansen. You won't want to miss it.

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## CGC Student Ministries

### Student's Classes

Our preschool program will continue to be kids, ages 4-6, who have not yet gone into Kindergarten and are potty trained.

Elementary students, K-3rd grade will have classes upstairs for 9am and 10:10.

Elementary students in 4-5th grade have class upstairs during the 9am and begin in the adult 10:10 service and are dismissed to class right before the Word is taught.

CGC Youth has 9am hour classes and also will have youth group on most Sunday nights at 6pm-8pm.

### CGC KIDS

Parents, we are going to begin utilizing the PARENT PICK-UP TAGS in the CGC Kids Ministry. These parent tags will match the child check in tags each week and help us to keep our Children's Ministry safe and secure. The tags (with corresponding numbers) will be utilized in 2 ways.

**1. Child Pick Up:** at the end of the service. We will be asking you to show the parent tag in order to pick up your child. This provides a level of security so that all kids are only released to approved guardians. If you have parents picking up in more than one location, feel free to write down the pick-up code and just tell our team of volunteers instead of showing the tag. As a reminder that siblings under the age of 16 are not able to pick up their younger siblings for security purposes as well.

**2. Notifying Parents:** There are times we need to contact parents during the service. To help streamline that process we will flash the code that matches your tag and your child's tag on the bottom of the screens in the sanctuary. We will then ask you to go exit to the welcome area in the main entrance where you will be greeted by one of our security team members. They will let you know which area (nursery, preschool, or elementary) you are needed in and help you find your child that is needed some parental care. As we continue to grow, we believe this will be the most streamlined way to help quickly notify parents without disrupting the corporate gathering.

Thank you parents for working with us as we strive to give our best care to your children each week and provide a place of safety for them to best learn the truths found in the Word of God.

## CGC Kids Volunteers

CGC KIDS: We are looking for people to join our team. There is a place for anyone who wants to serve and we would love to plug you in to the area that would best suit your giftedness. We are specifically looking for people to serve in the following areas (although there are plenty of other opportunities as well)

- 10:10 am Nursery Team Members - We would love to open our Infant Nursery back up and need 8 team members to make that happen.
- Nursery Coordinator- This person will help oversee our Nursery classroom teachers.
- 10:10 am Preschool Team Members-These people assist the Lead Teachers
- 9 am Elementary Team Members- These people assist the Lead Teachers. Beginning in August we will be moving Kindergarten upstairs and need 2 assistants to make this happen smoothly.
- 10:10 am Elementary Team Members - These people would assist the Lead Teacher and help lead small groups. This specifically will start in August when we add our Kindergarten students to our upstairs classrooms.
- Club E Preschool Coordinator- This person will help oversee our Preschool Program of Club E.

## CGC YOUTH

### CGC Youth Teams Volunteers

Come join our team! We are looking for volunteers to join the CGC Kids and CGC Youth teams. We have a variety of places to serve, so if you have a heart for pouring into the younger generation, let's get you plugged into a place you can use the gifts God has given you! We are specifically looking for CGC Youth (Sunday Nights) Team Members. But as our Children and Youth Ministries grow, we need more people to be able to meet the needs of our students of all ages. If you are interested in serving reach out via the slip on Sunday Mornings or contact Jessica Krallman for more information at [jkrallman@cgccommunity.com](mailto:jkrallman@cgccommunity.com)

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## Men's Ministry

### Men's Fortress

**The Fortress – Round 3: Habits of Grace.** Men of Community Gospel (ages 18–108), the next round of The Fortress is here. Join us Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room for the official kickoff. The Fortress is an eight-week journey focused on growing stronger in mind, body, and spirit through habits of grace, brotherhood, and intentional living. At the kickoff, you'll hear the vision and details for the next eight weeks, be placed into a *barrack* - a small group for accountability and encouragement, and learn how the weekly challenges work and how to engage fully. Important note: After the kickoff, this is *not* a weekly set-night meeting. Barracks meet at times and locations that fit real life—flexible, relational, and intentional. This is an opportunity to pursue strength, community, and spiritual growth together. Sign up on the church website and invite a friend to do the same! P.S. Two books are required for this round and can be ordered through the link on the church website.

### Men's Spring Retreat

**Men's Spring Retreat | March 20–22.** Make plans now to join us for the Men's Spring Retreat at Grace

Adventures, March 20–22, featuring Jeff Kemp - former NFL quarterback, author, and national speaker. Jeff coaches leaders and challenges men toward Christ-centered identity, meaningful relationships, and deep friendship. This retreat is a chance to step away, refocus your heart, and invest in your walk with Jesus alongside other men. Sign up through the church website. Use that Christmas money to invest in what matters most.

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## Missions Ministry

### January Missions Focus

**Barry and Denise Hohulin** serve as Retirement Center Team Assistants for Wycliffe missionaries in Dallas, TX. They praise God for daily opportunities to serve these retired missionaries who have invested their lives in translating the life-giving Word of God into unknown languages. Barry was baptized here at CGC many years ago, and we are considered their home or sending church.

**Roberto and Robin Paz** serve with Reach Global (the mission arm of EFCA) in Covington, Louisiana. Roberto and Robin are planting a Latino church named Dulce Refugio. They praise God for Ruben & Juan who are training for preaching and leadership there. 1. Pray for Roberto & Ruben as Roberto develops & empowers Ruben in the process of becoming the pastor. 2. *Pray for us to follow the Lord's guidance in the next steps as church planters—I would love to plant another new church.* 3. *And pray for Robin as she steps out of site leadership over the coming months.*

### Update on Operation Christmas Child:

We sent a total of 279 boxes. Malawi received 215, Jamaica received 56, Zambia received 2. If you're doing the math, there are 7 that have not been shipped yet. Hopefully by Sunday, we will be able to share where the final 7 shipped to. Thank you for all your donations, prayer, and love that went into packing these boxes.

### Upcoming Mission Trips:

1. His Hands & Feet- Mexico, January 17-24 \$1850- Strong men needed for construction
2. His Hands & Feet- Jamaica, February 14-20 \$1000 Rebuild due to hurricane damage
3. His Hands & Feet- North Carolina to finish prior work? May 16-21 \$750

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## Women's Ministry

### 2026 Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible studies will be kicking off on January 30th. We will be studying the book of Genesis. [Sign up](#) online for the time and place that works best for you. You can order your book [here](#). You won't want to miss this study. Join us as we see Jesus all throughout the book of Genesis.

#### Bible Study Times:

Sunday Nights @ CGC - 6:15pm

Friday Mornings @ Freya Varner's Home- 9am

Friday Mornings @ CGC- 9:30am

### 2026 Women's Retreat

Join us on January 23rd and 24th for a life-changing retreat. We will be discussing what it means to have unshakeable faith, joy and love. In today's world, how can we be unshakable in our faith in God, in our love for God and others and how can we have joy that doesn't waiver based on our circumstances. Join us on January 23rd and 24th as we explore these topics. You can sign up [here](#).

Psalms 62:5-6

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

\*The group discount for hotel rooms has been extended. I still recommend reserving a room soon. You can do this by contacting Essenhuis at 574-825-9471 and let them know you are with Community Gospel Church. There is now no 50.00 deposit needed.

\*Please note: you do not have to stay the night at the hotel, it is about a 45 min drive, and you are welcome to come and go as needed.

Please sign-up online. There is a 60.00 charge for the retreat, this covers your dinner, lunch, swag and other administrative expenses. If you choose to only come for the day on Saturday, it is a reduced 45.00 charge. You can pay at sign-up or wait and pay in person in January. We do ask that you sign-up just to help us track each lady planning to attend.

### Alone Together

Alone Together is a group for women who find themselves doing life on their own. They meet once a month on a Monday for a light lunch and fellowship at 11am in the Conference Room. Our next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have questions or need transportation, please call Lynette George (574-248-0785) or Jane Buck (574-209-0900). We would love to have you there.

### Moms Ministry

The CGC Moms Ministry is a group for moms with younger children coming together, to encourage one another, help one another, and grow together as we navigate the different stages of life we are in. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Our strategy is two-fold---We GROW and we GO! On the second Thursday of the month, we GROW by meeting at CGC and being encouraged through the Word of God. We learn about important topics to help us navigate this stage of life. On the fourth Thursday of the month, we GO as we work to develop relationships by 'going' and doing things with our kids around the community. These

involve a variety of activities, and a calendar will be passed out at our first meetings. These are open to all mom's so please feel free to invite your friends to join us as we raise our kids together!

Join us on January 22nd from 9am till noon at The Park at Grace. It is located at 20076 County Road 36 Goshen, IN 46526. Bring your children and enjoy the fellowship of other moms as the kids play. This is a come and go as you please event. For questions contact Faith Mackensworth.

## Real Bread: How God Intended It to Be

Jesus would not have compared himself to bread if it was bad for you!

We will have a time of devotion and look at what is written in The Word about bread.

We will explore the history of commercial flour and the impact on our health. We will answer the question of "what exactly is fresh milled bread?" And what are the benefits. You will see and learn about different kinds of grains, more modern wheats and ancient grains. We will discuss how to know what kind of wheat to use for what recipe. You will see several kinds of grain mills...manual and electric. You will participate in basic bread making from start (grinding wheat berries), mixing, kneading to proofing and baking. We will make several different baked goods together. All from freshly milled grains. And BEST of all, we get to eat all the yummy things we make and more.

If you are gluten sensitive and avoiding bread, please come. This will be good information for your health journey.

Kitchen space is limited and Melissa wants everyone to have hands on experience so PLEASE RSVP to Melissa as soon as possible. Class size is 12. That is why we have two dates

Thursday 1/8/26. 8:30- 12:00

Or

Saturday 1/17/29. 8:30- 12:00

Location: 8702 1st Road, Bremen, IN. 46506

TEXT or call Melissa Ingle @ 574-876-7355.

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## Monthly Update Video

Beloved church family and friends! To enhance communication with our congregation, we are committed to releasing a monthly video update. These videos will keep you up-to-date on all the activities and initiatives happening in and through Community Gospel, including new projects, events, and ministry updates. You can easily access the video by following the link provided or by visiting our church's YouTube page at any time. Our goal is to keep you informed and connected so we all can continue to make Christ known near and far. To watch our January update video, please click on this link: <https://youtu.be/aufXIFurRcE>

## Online Directory

CGC offers an online directory to help us connect with one another. Changes are sometimes needed and it's time to update. *Have you been blessed with new family members or moved to a new home?* Need a new family photo? *New to the church and want to be added?* Update/new submission forms are available on the wall in the foyer and can be returned to the church office. Or sign on the bottom of the slip to receive a form. Check out your family at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> - sign in with your email that is in the

directory to view your information. Questions can be directed to the church office at [admin@cgccommunity.com](mailto:admin@cgccommunity.com).

### **CGC's Music Playlist**

What we listen to during the week is important if we are striving to walk in a lifestyle of worship of our Savior and GOD. Why not listen to the songs we sing frequently together? Here is a Spotify playlist that is a compilation of all the songs we sing together.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/68POyPCfku2avGuV5WHMxm?si=e76b10500dd24883>

### **Prayer Partners**

You are invited to join us as we move forward in building a culture of prayer at CGC. If you would like to join our team of Prayer Partners that are available for prayer around the foyer and sanctuary following the Sunday service, please contact Pastor Jordan at [jmuck@cgccommunity.com](mailto:jmuck@cgccommunity.com).

### **Online Giving**

Reminder: For your convenience Online Giving includes bank transfers. To give online, simply fill out the easy online form at <http://communitygospelchurch.com/give>. Make sure to register with your email address and password for future reference of your giving. Please contact the church office with questions at [admin@cgccommunity.com](mailto:admin@cgccommunity.com).

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### **CGC CALENDAR**

Jan 11 – 9am > Classes for all ages  
Jan 11 – 10:10 > Worship Gathering  
Jan 11 – 6pm > CGC Youth  
Jan 14 – 5:30pm > Midweek Café- Pepperoni Pizza Pocket  
Jan 14 – 6pm > Club E  
Jan 14 – 6:15pm > CGC Adults- Truth about Us- Break Out Session with Pastor Jordan  
Jan 20 – 6pm > Men's Fortress Kick-Off  
Jan 21 – 6:15pm > CGC Adults- Truth about Us- Break Out Session with Pastor Jordan  
Jan 22 – 9am > Mom's Ministry "Go" Gathering- The Park of Grace in Goshen  
Jan 23-24 – 5:30pm > 2026 Women's Retreat  
Jan 30-Feb 1 – Middle School Winter Retreat  
Feb 2 – 11am > Alone Together  
Feb 6 – 6pm > Evening of Elegance

**Have a wonderful week!**



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Exodus 16)

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