

Community Gospel Church

Communications

Nov 13 ~ Christ Known Near and Far

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- **Women's Retreat**
 - **Thanksgiving Potluck**
 - **Wreath Making Event**
 - **Men's Wing Sing**
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CGC THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, November 23rd, for a special day of thanksgiving and fellowship.

Immediately following the morning's joyful baptismal service, we'll gather for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck luncheon. Please bring TWO of your favorite dishes to share—whether it's a family recipe, a side, or a dessert and come ready to enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and a heart of gratitude. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, noodles, rolls and drinks will be provided by the church.

Let's come together as one church family to celebrate faith, fellowship, and thankfulness this season!

When: Sunday, November 23rd, immediately following the morning service

What to Bring: A thankful heart and TWO FULLY COOKED AND READY TO SERVE dishes to share
Extra Details: Please note that there will be NO oven space available to cook or keep warm any items that are brought in. This is a well-attended event so kitchen space will already be at full capacity. If you feel led to serve at this event—assisting with setup, serving food, or cleanup—your helping hands would be appreciated. Please contact Julie Schmidt at 574.339.8446 for more details or fill out the connections card on the Slip this Sunday.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Christmas Decorating

We would love to have you join us at 5:00 on Sunday, November 23rd to decorate the church for Christmas. Bring a snack to share and come enjoy a time of fellowship and Christmas fun.

Advent Devotional: Everyday Gospel

This Christmas season, we're journeying together through *Everyday Gospel Christmas Devotional: 25 Daily Readings for Advent* by Paul David Tripp. Each day from December 1–25, you'll read a short reflection and

study questions that trace the story of redemption - from Genesis to Revelation - showing how the birth of Jesus is part of God's incredible plan of salvation.

How to participate: Personally: Read and reflect on one devotion each day. As a family: Gather together for a short nightly devotion and prayer. As a church: We'll walk through it together throughout the Advent season!

You can order your copy [here](#) (link is also on our website). Be sure to order soon so it arrives before December 1! Let's prepare our hearts this Advent by celebrating the full story of the Gospel.

CGC Adult Advent Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Then come sing with us this upcoming Christmas season in the Adult Choir. Directed by Freya Varner, rehearsals are Sundays from 4-5pm and run every Sunday beginning September 21 through December 14. The choir will sing in three Advent gatherings on Sundays, December 7, 14, & 21. Sign up at the bottom of the Sunday slip - or just show up to the first rehearsal! Questions - Contact Freya Varner at varnerfa@yahoo.com.

CGC Kids Sing for Christmas!

This year, elementary students who attend the 9am classes on Sunday morning will have the opportunity to sing in our Advent gathering on Sunday, December 21. Directed by Freya Varner, students who attend the 9am class and therefore attend rehearsal will sing. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 21. Stay tuned for song information! Questions - Contact Jessica Krallman at jkrallman@cgccommunity.com or Bethany Muck at 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)

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!

How to Live Wisely (New CGC "BREAKOUT")

Breakout Session: How to Live Wisely (Nov. 5, 12, and 19): God invites us to live well in His world - not by following a list of rules or formulas for success, but by reflecting on the person, posture, and pace of wisdom. As followers of Jesus, we discover that true wisdom is found in Him. We pursue wisdom as we would a person - relationally and with love. The posture of wisdom is one of humility and a teachable spirit, while its pace calls us to slow down, reflect, and pray before acting. In these breakout sessions, we'll explore how godly wisdom shapes our everyday lives - how it affects the way we relate to others, how we view ourselves, and how we make decisions. Growing wiser means walking with humility, reflection, and community rather than striving alone. Together, we'll learn what it means to live thoughtfully, humbly, and relationally — pursuing wisdom in the way of Christ. Sign-up [online](#).

Weekly Bible Study

We invite you to join us for a new chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse study through the book of 2 Corinthians. 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 Paul wrote to the early church in Corinth. 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!

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

Men's Ministry

Wing Sing

Our 10th annual **WING SING** is December 13th at 5:00 pm! Christmas caroling in the community is followed by food back at the church. This men's outreach is a great event for all the men of CGC--Dads and sons or men of small groups. We always have a great turnout so plan on blessing others and connecting with men at CGC. You can sign up [here](#).

Missions Ministry

November Missions Focus

Casa Dayspring is a Children's home located in Veracruz, Mexico. They care for various ages of children, providing for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Please be in prayer for all these children, as well as the missionaries that serve at Casa Dayspring. Roger and Carolyn Tomlinson are the founders of Casa Dayspring at El Higo, Veracruz.

David and Cristina are the directors of the Casa. They have been with Casa Dayspring since the very beginning and are the glue that holds everything together. They live full time at the house and are with the kids every day. Together they are Dad and Mom to the kids, which for most of the kids it is the first time they have ever had anyone that truly fills that roll. They run the home as a family, giving the kids the love and security they all need.

Reminder to turn in your Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes by the 17th. There are still more if you would like to pack a shoebox for a child in need.

Women's Ministry

Wreath Making Night

Join us on December 4th at the church at 6:00pm for a night of light refreshments, fellowship and beautiful wreath making. This is a favorite event every year. Everything you will need is provided to make a festive wreath. We will have our expert wreath-maker there helping us through the process. You won't want to miss this fun night. Hope to see you there!

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](#).

Psalm 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.

*Please note: we will hold rooms for those who request them to be held, but each person staying in a hotel room will be responsible for the hotel charge. You can decide who you room with or if you stay in a room alone, but that cost will be your responsibility at check-in/out.

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 December 8th. 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!

Mom's Ministry "Go Gathering"

Join us on Thursday, November 20 at 10am for a fun outing to the Children's Museum. We will meet at the Children's Museum of South Bend, 2632 S Michigan St, South Bend. For more details, please email admin@cgccommunity.com. It is \$5 Per Person (except lap babies are free)

Ecclesiastes Sermon Series Resource

Our new sermon series on *Ecclesiastes* begins **September 14**. Many of you found the Scripture journal helpful during our *Revelation* series, so we wanted to offer a resource again! The *Ecclesiastes* study guide can be found [here](#) or via the link on the church website. This is completely optional, but a great tool if you'd like to have all your sermon notes in one place or journal through *Ecclesiastes* as we study together.

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 November update video, please click on this link: https://youtu.be/q6lN2cE9_fE

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.

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>

Join us in singing "The King In All His Beauty" this upcoming Advent season. Give it a listen now to prepare to sing with us:

<https://youtu.be/A-KIVtMYhjY?si=HMuHtd116Kx5PI90>

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.

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@cqccommunity.com.

Holy Walk

2025 Bremen Holy Walk is just FOUR weeks away on Friday, December 5 & Saturday, December 6th.

We need your help to get the word out. We need volunteers in costume, especially Walking and Bus guides. For the walk to move smoothly we need 35-40 walking guides each night. The Walking guides can go as a couple so they could help each other. They can work one or two nights. If they aren't able to work all evening, they could go just 1-2 times. We are having a Walking Guide Dinner for training so that our guides can be prepared to take a "family" through "Bethlehem". It is on Sunday, November 16, 6:00 pm, at the Bremen United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Another way you can serve is through supplying cookies, or serving cookies. We are asking for donated cookies to be served in the Hospitality Tent at the end of the WALK. Cookies should be delivered to the Pines Building at the Holy Walk site on Thursday, December 4 and Friday, December 5.

For more information check out bremenholyywalk.com

Special Thank You from the John and Christine

Christine and I want to express our thanks for your love and generosity for pastor appreciation. Even though we have retired we continue to experience your care and concern. Thank you for your prayers in this new season of life.

Effective Nov 22nd this will be John and Christine's new address:
John and Christine French
14422 Sunrise Ct
Leo, IN 46765

CGC CALENDAR

Nov 16 – 9am > Classes for All Ages

Nov 16 – 10:10 > Worship Gathering

Nov 16 – 4pm > Adult Advent Choir

Nov 16 – 6pm > CGC Youth

Nov 19 – 5:30-6pm > Mid-Week Café/ Pancakes and Sausage

Nov 19 – 6pm > Club E

Nov 19 – 6:15pm > How to Live Wisely- Breakout with Pastor Jordan

Nov 20 – 10am > Mom's Ministry "Go" Gathering

Nov 23 – 11:30am > Thanksgiving Potluck

Nov 23 – 5pm > Christmas Decorating @ CGC

Dec 4 – 6pm > Women's Wreath Making

Dec 8 – 11am > Alone Together

Dec 11 – 9:30am > Mom's Ministry "Grow Gathering"

Dec 13 – 5pm > Men's Wing Sing

Dec 18 – 11am > Mom's Ministry Christmas Party
Jan 23-24 – 5:30pm > 2026 Women's Retreat

Have a wonderful week!



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