

# Community Gospel Church Communications

Dec 11 ~ Christ Known Near and Far

## Check these out:

- **Men's Wing Sing**
  - **Christmas Eve Service**
  - **Mom's Ministry Christmas Party**
  - **Women's Retreat**
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## Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve at Community Gospel Church ✨ Join us on Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Our Christmas Eve service will be a meaningful time of singing, Scripture, and reflection as we rejoice in the hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus brings. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share in this beautiful evening together. "For unto us a child is born..." Isaiah 9:6 We look forward to praising the LORD with you!

## 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

The choir will sing in three Advent gatherings on Sundays, December 7, 14, & 21. Questions - Contact Freya Varner at [varnerfa@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Questions - Contact Jessica Krallman at [jkrallman@cgccommunity.com](mailto:jkrallman@cgccommunity.com) or Bethany Muck 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)

## 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

**Note: On December 28th there will be no 9am hour.**

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!

## Truth About Us- Breakout Sessions with Pastor Jordan

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

**Note: On December 28th there will be no 9am hour.**

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

### 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](#).

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## Missions Ministry

### December Missions Focus

#### The K Family.

Please be in prayer for us each as we transition back to the field. Pray the Lord would prepare our hearts and minds and also prepare the way as we reenter the country.

Pray the Lord would provide more national partners for the work and also for our current partners as they find new unengaged, unreached people groups.

Please pray for the kids specifically as they reenter school, culture, and new rhythms. As we have spent time as a family debriefing our first term, there has been talk of the darkness that's felt there from our children and fear associated with the darkness. Please pray the Father would be their light and truth and that we as parents would be attuned to their hearts/needs.

Pray for the spread of the gospel over this Christmas season.

Just remember that any information must not be posted on the internet or social media.

### Missionary Christmas Cards

Christmas cards for each of our missionary partners are in the foyer for you to sign or write a note. It doesn't matter if you know them or not. They will be encouraged to hear from their church family at CGC! The Missions Ministry also sends a financial gift in December to encourage and bless them. Pray for our missionaries who are away from home and family. Christmas is often a time when they can explain what the Christian message is all about.

## 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 at the end of January. Watch for more information to come out in the near future.

### 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.

\* To receive the group discount and to guarantee a room, you need to place a 50.00 deposit on the room by December 20th. You can do this by contacting Essenhuis at 574-825-9471 and let them know you are with Community Gospel Church. The 50.00 deposit will then be put toward the total room cost that is charged upon check-in on January 23rd.

\*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!

Mom's Ministry is having a fun Christmas party on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the church at 11am. There will be food, Christmas cookies, a Christmas movie, and card making. You won't want to miss it.

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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 December 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>

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](mailto:jmuck@cgccommunity.com).

### **Online Giving**

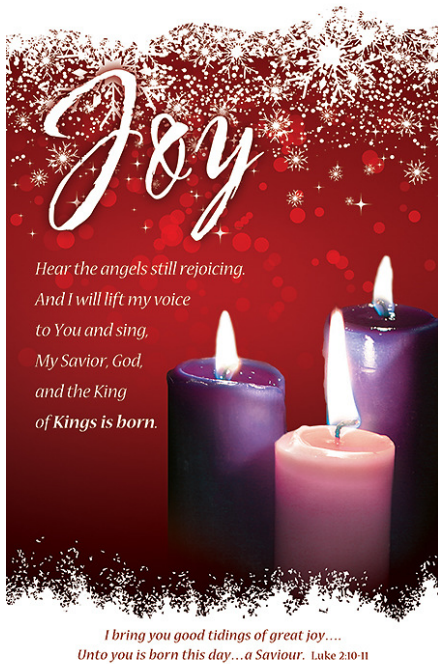
Reminder: For your convenience Online Giving includes bank transfers. To give online, simply fill out the easy online form at <http://communitygospelchurch.com/give>. Make sure to register with your email address and password for future reference of your giving. Please contact the church office with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

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### **CGC CALENDAR**

Dec 13 – 5pm > Men's Wing Sing  
Dec 14 – 9am > Classes for All Ages  
Dec 14 – 10:10am > Worship Gathering  
Dec 17 – 5:30pm > Midweek Café- Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
Dec 17 – 6pm > Club E  
Dec 18 – 11am > Mom's Ministry Christmas Party  
Dec 24 – 6:30pm > Christmas Eve Service  
Jan 4 – 4pm > Christmas Clean-Up  
Jan 7 – 6:15pm > Truth about Us- Break Out Session with Pastor Jordan  
Jan 23-24 – 5:30pm > 2026 Women's Retreat  
Jan 30-Feb 1 – Middle School Winter Retreat  
Feb 2 – 11am > Alone Together

Have a wonderful week!



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