# Community Gospel Church Communications

Dec 4 ~ Christ Known Near and Far

## Check these out:

- Advent Devotional
- Wreath Making Event
- Men's Wing Sing
- Women's Retreat

## **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 <a href="here">here</a> (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.

## **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 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!

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!

# **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

# **Men's Ministry**

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 <a href="https://example.com/here/here/">here</a>.

# **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

# **Women's Ministry**

## **Wreath Making Night**

Join us on December 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>here</u>.

#### 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 8<sup>th</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.

## **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 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.

## **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 <a href="mailto:jmuck@cgccommunity.com">jmuck@cgccommunity.com</a>.

# **Online Giving**

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

# **Holy Walk**

2025 Bremen Holy Walk is this weekend December 5 & Saturday, December 6th.

For more information check out **bremenholywalk.com** 

## **CGC CALENDAR**

Dec 4 – 6pm > Women's Wreath Making

Dec 7 – 9am > Classes for All Ages

Dec 7 – 10:10am > Worship Gathering/Communion

Dec 7 – 4pm > Adult Advent Choir

Dec 7 - 6pm > CGC Youth

Dec 8 – 11am > Alone Together

Dec 10 – 5:30pm > Midweek Café- Pizza Bread

Dec 10 - 6pm > Club E

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

Dec 13 – 5pm > Men's Wing Sing

Dec 18 – 11am > Mom's Ministry Christmas Party

Dec 24 – 6:30pm > Christmas Eve Service

Jan 23-24 – 5:30pm > 2026 Women's Retreat

# Have a wonderful week!



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