

# Community Gospel Church Communications

Mar 12 ~ Christ Known Near and Far

## Check these out:

- **Holy Week**
  - **Baptism Sunday**
  - **Trivia Night “Decades”- Challenge Fundraiser**
  - **Challenge 2026- Challenge Fundraiser Volunteer Sign-Up**
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## HOLY WEEK

March 29th is Palm Sunday- Come celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by joining us for our 9am hour and then our 10:10 Worship Gathering. This is a family Sunday, so we will worship as a family and partake in communion as families.

April 2nd is Maundy Thursday- Join us at 6:30 for a threefold communion as we remember the Lord's last supper with his disciples. This includes a foot washing, a love feast and communion. We must have an accurate count for this, so please sign up for this at [www.communitygospelchurch.com](http://www.communitygospelchurch.com). Childcare will be available for 1st grade and below.

April 3rd is Good Friday- Join us for a Service of Shadows at 6:30. This service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. We will join Christians of many generations throughout the world by observing this service. Our Good Friday service will trace the story of Christ's passion through the reading of scripture, with music that portrays His anguish, and the power of silence and darkness will suggest the drama of this momentous event. As candles are extinguished, we will ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death. We will remember the cataclysmic nature of His sacrifice, and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we will leave anticipating the joy of ultimate victory. Again, childcare will be available for 1st grade and below.

April 5th- RESURRECTION SUNDAY- Join us as we celebrate our Risen Savior. We will have a Sunrise Service beginning at 9:00 am (please note there will be no childcare for this service). The Sunrise Service will be followed by a light breakfast and fellowship. We will then continue our celebration into the 10:10 Worship Gathering. You won't want to miss this joyous time of worship to our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Baptism Sunday

Join us on May 31st during the 10:10 Worship Gathering for a baptism service. Baptism serves as a public response to the gospel. We follow Christ's example given in Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3 and John 1. We also follow the command Jesus gave in Matthew 28:19. If you have never taken this step of faith and desire to follow this command, sign up [here](#).

## **Baptism**

At Community Gospel Church, we believe baptism is:

1. A public expression of faith in Christ
2. A step of obedience following salvation
3. A symbol of our identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection
4. A testimony to the global church
5. A personal response to the call to advance God's kingdom

## **Trivia Night "Decades"**

Come support the CGC youth going to Challenge 2026. We are working to help the students raise funds, so they can attend the EFCA youth conference where lives are changed and Christ is made known.

Purchase a table for only \$80.00. This table can seat anywhere from 2 to 8 people. Bring your friends, small group, or family (adults only please). Prizes will be awarded to the table who best shows their chosen decade! So dress up in decade appropriate clothing, decorate your table, and come up with a team name.

While some trivia will be decade specific, we will also have other categories of questions to ensure all people are able to participate and hopefully succeed!

Each table is responsible for their own food, but there will be delicious desserts for sale as an additional fundraiser for our students. There will also be snacks and beverages for purchase at the concession stand.

We will also be selling raffle tickets to win some incredible give-aways donated by local vendors in our area.

The evening will be full of fun, fellowship and some great prizes. You won't want to miss it!

All proceeds go to help the students attend Challenge 2026. **Sign-up [here](#).**

## **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)

## **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!

## Weekly Bible Study

We invite you to join us for a new chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse study through the book of 1 Thessalonians. 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 1 Thessalonians. 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!

## “Now What?”

“Now What?” is an offering for anyone who wants to explore what CGC offers beyond Sunday morning and understand God's desire for all who attend His church. If you're new here this is your one-stop class to equip you to move from the Sunday morning setting into all that's offered at CGC. Sign-up [here](#).

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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

### EFCA NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: CHALLENGE

#### **DATES:**

July 13th-18th (Monday-Saturday)

We will leave around 4am on Monday and return Saturday evening super late.

#### **LOCATION:**

Kansas City MO

#### **COST:**

\$800

Cost includes travel expenses, hotel, conference registration, 2 shirts to serve in meals (Monday dinner-Friday dinner...we will some meals while we travel and you will cover some too), fun activities, service project supplies and transportation, and equipping workshops through the week.

#### **THEME:**

In the Book of Psalms, one truth resounds again and again: God's *nearness*. In every place, every circumstance and every unfiltered emotion, the psalmist returns to the same reality: *God is with us*.

*"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."* (Ps 139:7-10)

From desperation to delight, from doubt to devotion, the Psalms show us a loving God who meets His people in every moment. At Challenge 2026 (July 13-17), we'll step into this ancient collection of prayers and songs to encounter the same unchanging truth: the loving presence of God transforms every place we stand. And as students return home, they'll carry with them the deep assurance that, no matter where they are or what they face, God is *even here*.

**Sign up on the church website.**

**\*Church Family-** Come support all the students going to Challenge by attending the Trivia Night on March 28<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from this event will go to help students to attend Challenge! (See announcements above)

**Youth Parents-** If you have a student attending Challenge or even if you don't, please check out these two sign-ups. We could use your help to make this evening a huge success. These sign-ups include all sorts of ways you can help. With questions, please email Autumn Buck at [admin@cgccommunity.com](mailto:admin@cgccommunity.com)

**Bake Sale Sign-Up-** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A5A722A1F9C61-62253272-bake>

**Adult Volunteer Sign-Up-** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A5A722A1F9C61-62252872-challenge>

## **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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## **Missions Ministry**

### **March Missions Focus**

**Sarah Miller:** Sarah Miller serves with International Association for Refugees (IAFR) in Minneapolis, MN. IAFR's mission is to help people survive and recover from forced displacement due to persecution, war, and human rights violations. Whether providing Bibles and food in refugee camps, providing shelter for asylum seekers, teaching language classes, or offering worship services in welcome centers, IAFR's aim is to be a tangible expression of God's love for refugees and asylum-seekers and that every person experiences that God sees them, hears them, and cares for them.

Sarah supports, coaches and visits IAFR's ministry leaders in the United States, Europe and East Africa. She also participates in IAFR's local Jonathan House ministry in Minneapolis for people seeking asylum.

Prayer Requests:

- For wisdom, discernment, and inspiration as Sarah supports and coaches ministry leaders in the United States, Europe and East Africa.
- For opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus.
- For stamina and perseverance for IAFR staff as they serve in challenging circumstances.
- For God's provision of personnel and financial resources to sustain and expand the ministry of IAFR.

## Upcoming Mission Trips:

His Hands & Feet- North Carolina to finish prior work? May 16-21 \$750

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## Women's Ministry

### 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 March 23rd. 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!

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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 March update video, please click on this link: [https://youtu.be/XVWz93Y\\_7OQ](https://youtu.be/XVWz93Y_7OQ)

## 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).

## Passion Play

**On a Hill Too Far Away – *The life of Jesus comes to life*:** You will not want to miss this passion play. One of our very own, Mary Grebe, will be performing in this play. Check the community board in the church foyer for more information. Show times are as follows:

Friday, March 20 @ 7pm

Saturday March 21 @ 2pm and 7pm

*(Free tickets are required)*

Location: Church on the Rock-  
2626 Prairie St. Elkhart, IN. 46517

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## CGC CALENDAR

Mar 15 – 9am > Classes for all ages

Mar 15 – 10:10 > Worship Gathering

Mar 15 – 6pm > CGC Youth  
Mar 18 – 5:30pm > Midweek Café- Spaghetti/Meatballs  
Mar 18 – 6pm > Club E  
Mar 20-22 – 4pm > Men’s Retreat  
Mar 23 – 11am > Alone Together  
Mar 26 – 6pm > Congregational Meeting Over Budget  
Mar 28 – 6pm > Trivia Night “Decades”- Challenge Fundraiser  
Mar 29 – 10:10 > Palm Sunday/Family Sunday/ Worship Gathering  
Apr 2 – 6:30pm > Maundy Thursday-Sign-up online  
Apr 3 – 6:30pm > Service of Shadows  
Apr 5 – 9am > Sunrise Service (followed by light breakfast)  
Apr 5 – 10:10 > Resurrection Sunday Worship Gathering  
Jul 13-18 – Challenge 2026 for High School Youth

Have a wonderful week!



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