

Community Gospel Church

Communications

Mar 26 ~ Christ Known Near and Far

Check these out:

- **Palm Sunday/Family Sunday/Holy Week**
 - **Baptism Sunday**
 - **Trivia Night “Decades”- Challenge Fundraiser**
 - **Challenge 2026- Challenge Fundraiser Volunteer Sign-Up**
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Palm Sunday is Family Sunday

Family Sunday is coming on March 29th! Family Sunday is a great way for families to worship together and for parents to model what it looks like to sing, study God's Word, and take communion as a church body.

A few tips as you prepare for Family Sunday:

1. **PREPARE** – Prepare your heart ahead of time and determine your expectations for your children. Prepare your children by letting them know what they can expect to see and experience in a Sunday service and tell them your expectations for each portion of the service. ie: during singing they will stand up and sing as well as they can or during the preaching they stay seated and quiet.
2. **PLAN AHEAD** – Plan ahead for what your child might need during the service to help them focus. Snacks, coloring books, sticker books, small toys, etc.. are all some good ideas to pack up and bring with you. The younger your child the more variety they will probably need because their attention span tends to be shorter. Just a tip- it is better to save most of your activities for your children for when Pastor Jordan preaches. This is the hardest time for your child to sit quietly so make sure you have enough supplies (snacks!) to last through the whole service. Another tip-take your kids to the bathroom BEFORE the service so you are not leaving during the service!
3. **ENGAGE & EXPLAIN** – During the church service be engaged with your child. Explain the different parts of the service and why we are doing what we are doing. Help them find verses in the Bible and even take notes. Explain big words in songs or during the sermon. Use this service as a teaching opportunity as you walk your child through the adult church experience. It is much different than our Children's Services so explain the why behind what they are experiencing. Tip-It is good to remind them ahead of time of the expectations you have set if needed.
4. **SHOW GRACE** – You have great kids, but they are kids. They don't always sit still and sit quietly! Know your children and what they can realistically do. If needed, alter and reset your expectations and view this time as an opportunity for your children to see you worship. If your young child needs a break take them to the foyer quietly. If you know your child will wiggle around a lot sit near the back of the room. This helps to not distract the people behind you. There is nothing wrong with sitting in a new location this week!
5. **CHOOSE JOY** – Choose to find the joy of family worship and not focus on the hard parts. Family worship can be a challenge, but can also be an amazing experience. You get the chance to model what it looks like to worship the One True God. This is an awesome privilege you have as a parent and your child will catch more than you think as they observe you. Model well and focus on the joy of being together as a church family!

Family Sundays are a great time to worship together as a family! Enjoy the process as you spend time with God together!

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. 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

Baptism Meeting

April 12th directly following the 10:10 Worship Gathering, there will be a meeting in the conference room for anyone interested in being baptized. If you have not taken this step of faith, we encourage you to consider

attending this meeting. It will be an informational meeting, and there will be a time you can ask questions. Lunch is also provided, so please be sure to sign-up [here](#), so we know how many people to expect. Children or students under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. You are also welcome to bring spouses or other family members, just be sure to let us know via the sign-up how many people to expect.

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.**

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](#).

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 28th. 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

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

Missions Ministry

April Missions Focus

Lisa Flores- Flores Y Mariposas (Flowers and Butterflies) Is a ministry to Honduran teenagers, teaching them the Bible and equipping them to be young women of God where they are. Lisa Flores from CGC is the founder and director of this ministry. They have future plans for a building that will house a training center, kitchen, gardening, sewing, thrift shop, and other sustainable life skills.

Prayer Requests:

- **Salvation** - Pray for salvation of the seven Señoritas, who have not yet accepted the LORD.
- **Wisdom and Knowledge** - Pray for Wisdom and knowledge as we stand in the gap, guiding señorita with Biblical principles.
- **Fundraising** - Pray for fundraising to help begin and finish a ministry center; by doing this, we will be able to expand and serve the greater community.

Viki Brown- Dustin's Place- Dustin's Place makes Christ known by providing a safe space for children and families to grieve after the death of a loved one. Viki Brown is the founder and Executive Director. Alongside

her are volunteers that facilitate the groups and are truly the heart of their ministry. Small groups and volunteers from CGC are a part of this ministry.

Prayer Requests:

- **Wisdom for Growth** - Pray for wisdom as Dustin's Place grows quickly. Ask the LORD to help them use their resources well while continuing to offer free, accessible care. Pray for provision and creative solutions so they can expand without losing their mission.
- **Strength for Staff and Volunteers** - Pray for those serving on the front lines. Ask the LORD to renew their strength, guard them from burnout, and surround them with support as they care for people in deep pain.
- **Christ-Centered Impact** - Pray that Dustin's Place clearly reflects the love of Jesus in the community. Ask the LORD to use their work to transform lives and to keep their leadership grounded in faith and purpose.

Upcoming Mission Trips:

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

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 April 27th. 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!

On April 23rd at 10am the Moms Ministry will be meeting at the zoo for a fun zoo day.

Men's Ministry

The Fortress

Fortress round 4 begins on April 14th @ 6pm in the Conference Room. Sign-up here: <https://communitygospel.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3539288>

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

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>

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@cgccommunity.com.

CGC CALENDAR

Mar 26 – 6pm > Congregational Meeting Over Budget
Mar 28 – 6pm > Trivia Night “Decades”- Challenge Fundraiser
Mar 29 – 9am > Classes for all ages
Mar 29 – 10:10 > Worship Gathering/Family Sunday/Communion
Mar 29 – 6pm > CGC Youth
Apr 1 – 5:30pm > Midweek Café- Chicken Sandwiches and Nuggets
Apr 1 – 6pm > Club E
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
Apr 9 – 9:30am > Moms Ministry “Grow” Gathering
Apr 12 – 11:30am > Baptism Meeting and Lunch
Apr 14 – 6pm > Men’s Fortress
Apr 23 – 10am > Moms Ministry Zoo Day
May 31 – 10:10 > Baptism Service
Jul 13-18 – Challenge 2026 for High School Youth

Have a wonderful week!



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