

Convocation 2025

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2ND CORINTHIANS 9:6-8



Welcome to Christ Community Church

September 28, 2025

Convocation

Moments for meditation

We use this time to worship and prepare for worship

We worship in song, prayer, and giving

Call to worship

Songs of praise

Opportunities at CCC

Kids Choir

Witness Stand

Oscar Parham - Home Away From Home

Prayer

Gary Garland - Love INC

Offering

We worship by hearing and heeding God's word

Scripture – Matthew 17:24-27

Luann Goosen - ZEMA

Sermon - "Generously Sow and Reap"

Elmer Surigao - Philippines

Sacrificial offering

Special Music

Benediction and postlude

CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS PAGE AT CCCZION.ORG/EVENTS

The Nominating Committee is asking for your help. We are working on filling positions for the Elder Board and Missions Committee. If you would like to suggest someone, remember they must be church members. You can leave your suggestion with the church office or contact any of the committee members: Jan Keiler, Jeanine Richards, Joan Glover, Pastor Drew Wicklund, or Greg Nugent.

Elder Board Update The Elder Board met on Tuesday, September 23. Here are some of the things we discussed:

1. The elders spent some time studying the biblical basis for giving looking at examples in both the old and new testaments.
2. We decided to modify how the sacrificial offering for world mission is received during Convocation. The barrels will be placed in the front as usual but there will not be dismissal by row and other options for giving will be in the lobby. We recognized that not everyone is prepared to give to the sacrificial offering and that some give on line or in advance or through the mail. Further explanations will be given when the offering is taken on October 5.
3. We discussed and modified our policy regarding those who are registered sexual offenders who desire to attend services at the church. This policy is available to anyone in the congregation who would like a copy.
4. We reviewed in more detail the results of a compensation study commissioned by the elder board through an organization called XPastor.

Tree Trimming Event | October 6-10 Volunteers needed! If you are interested in helping, please contact Ed Spohr for more information and to sign up. Phone: (630) 414-8355 Email: espohr@ccczion.org

Nursery Help Needed Do you love to snuggle babies, blow bubbles, pass out goldfish, squish playdoh, and sing about Jesus? Please consider joining our nursery ministry. Commitment is 3-6 Sundays a year, Jr. High and up. A few of our moms are expecting new nursery members this fall and will be stepping away from serving for a few months so the need is great. Contact Sue Owenson (847) 445-9193.



Harvest Party for children Saturday, October 25, 9:00-11:30am. In addition to games, Patch 22 animals, breakfast, hayrides, crafts we'll have Trunk or Treat. Looking for church family to decorate your car or a table (Bible story, Dr. Seuss, animals – fun and friendly). Sign up in the lobby or reach out to Terri.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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Thursday Night Men's Bible Study | Youth Room | 6:30-8:30pm The Thursday Men's Bible study is examining the life of Jesus as described in the Gospel of Luke. We invite all men of any age to join us; all you need is a Bible and a hunger for deeper understanding of God's Word.

Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study | Parlor | 7-8:30pm Men, join us on Wednesday nights, starting October 8. We are starting a study of the Book of Colossians, Paul's Epistle of encouragement and advice to the young church at Colossae. Paul's words of wisdom are just as applicable today as they were when he wrote Colossians in the first century.

Fall Men's Retreat with Guest Speaker Marc Mailefer | October 17-19

Enjoy great fellowship and sharing times around the coffee pot, campfire, and charcoal grill! You may check in any time after 1:00pm on Friday. A pizza meal will be served at 6:00pm on Friday and the last meal will be breakfast on Sunday. Optional activities include Segway tours, Rod & Gun Club, golf, biking, and archery. Register now at campzion.com!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (FOR ALL LADIES 18 AND OVER)

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Women's Apologetics Book Club -A 1st Peter 3:15 Ministry- UPDATE: Please note the start date has changed due to a family emergency! Looking for a way to equip yourself to reach people for Jesus? Join this group of like-minded women as we launch into a new season of challenging topics!

Beginning Wednesday, October 15, from 6:30-8:45pm, **we will discuss the whole book** *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, 3rd edition, (c) 2018 by Nabeel Qureshi. No time for reading this one? Check YouTube for Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: the Christian Testimony of Nabeel Qureshi for a more condensed version of his compelling story. Join us for fellowship and discussion on **Wednesday, October 15**. This group meets in the Humphrey home and is hosted by Melissa Humphrey and Erica Millar, please reach out to Melissa Humphrey at melissahumphry@yahoo.com for more information or to RSVP.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CONT.)

Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study | 9:00am | Parlor Started September 26. We are studying "Heaven- When Faith Becomes Sight" by Jennifer Rothschild. You're still welcome to join.

"Praying through Psalms and New Testament" Women's Bible Study Meets Thursday mornings in the Parlor from 9-11:00am beginning 10/9 through 11/20. Bring your Bible, a pen and a notebook.

Cards, Crafts and Connections | Wednesday, Oct. 8 | 6:30pm | Seminar Area Use the entrance near the ramp to the CAA. We will be gathering to connect with old friends while making new friends. You may bring your own craft to work on or join in creating fall crafts. We will be signing cards as well. See you then. Next Cards, Crafts and Connections will be November 5.

Gather 2 Grow | Saturday, October 11 | 9:30 - 11:30am | Fellowship Hall We have started our monthly meetings again! Please join the ladies of our church for some fall fun, light refreshments and fellowship. We will discuss "If God the Father visited you today, what would He say?" Come find out and bring a friend (18yrs and older). Upcoming Gather 2 Grow meeting dates: 11/1/25, 12/6/25, 1/10/26, 2/14/26.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



For More Information About TBD Young Adults, text "TBDYA" to 847-310-7600 We have a vision of creating a community with young adults, married or single, ages 18 to 30ish! We'd love to have you join us! We have small groups, large events, one-on-one discipleship and more!

Tonight Bible study at John and Heather's, 7:00pm.

Our Annual Barn Party is on Saturday, October 18 at 5:00pm! Young married and young families are also invited! We will be at Marla and Chris Rickert's! Think bonfire, fishing, yard games, hayrides and food! Bring a side dish that goes well with chili!

YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH - 12TH GRADE)

lbarnes@ccczion.org FOR SIGN-UP OR MORE INFO



Fall Camp Registration is Live Hayride, fall colors, hike to the bluff, hot chocolate, worship, Bible study, and a break from the new school year. Get away and relax with us for our senior high (October 10-13) or junior high (October 24-26) sessions. If anyone is in need of financial aid, it is available. Contact Pastor Leo for more info.

Oasis Groups Coming This Month Our Oasis groups are designed for high school students to have a single gender gathering with one or two adult mentors once a week throughout much of the school year. Such nights provide a break from stress to marinate in God's Word together and grow deep. This year we will be studying James and Proverbs beginning October 16. Sign up by contacting Pastor Leo or at any youth group event.

October Service Project – Coat Drive Pack Up W/ Love INC – We have 14 spots available for junior and senior high students to assist with packing up Love INC's Winter Coat Drive at Immanuel Church in Gurnee on Saturday, October 18. We will depart CCC at Noon and be back at 3:00pm. Sign up with Pastor Leo or at any youth event.

Costume Parties Our students have brought world class creativity to these parties for decades, including a presidential candidate appearance last year, complete with full security detail. Bring out your creative side with your best costume during youth group (Oct 26 and 27). Keep it church appropriate (nothing sensual, bloody, demonic, etc.) and have fun. Prizes will be awarded, with categories decided on the spot by the ingenuity of our phenomenal staff.

Upcoming Service Project Dates open to all junior and senior high students:
November 8: The Great Rake - 9:00am – 1:00pm
December 5: Love INC Christmas Tree Set Up - 11:30am – 3:00pm
December 13: Santa's Volunteers - 5:30am – 11:00am

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (BIRTH THROUGH 6TH GRADE)

TALLEN@CCCZION.ORG FOR SIGN-UP OR MORE INFO



AWANA will begin on Monday, October 20. We invite children ages 3-year through Grade 6. Our prayer is reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helping to train them to serve Him through Scripture memorization, teaching from God's word, praying for them and having fun together.

The Zion MomCo meets this week, 9-11:00am, in the Fellowship Hall! The topic is: Cultivating Community. Childcare is available. This is open to any mom pregnant or with kids up to a 6th grader!



CAMP ZION

Leave Your Mark at Camp! Purchase an engraved brick to be placed near the bridge leading to our new Gathering Place through our Gift Paver Brick Campaign. Honor a loved one, favorite staff person, express thanks for camp's impact in your life, share a happy memory - lots of possibilities. 14 characters per line for up to 3 lines, \$200 per brick. Orders can be placed at <https://campzion.com/donate>, or through the Camp Zion Office.



CONVOCATION

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, 2025

JOINT ABF W/ LUAAN & SUSANNE GOOSEN

9 am | Sunday, Sept. 28th | CAA

WORSHIP NIGHT W/ STEPHEN & JESSICA LANGLEY

5 pm | Sunday, Sept. 28th | Sanctuary

BROWN BAG LUNCHES | FELLOWSHIP HALL

12 pm | Monday: Richard John, Tuesday: Cheryl Zvirblis
Wednesday: Erica Millar, Thursday: Stephen & Jessica Langley

TALK'O TUESDAY W/ SUMMER MISSIONS TEAMS

6 pm | Tuesday, Sept. 30th | Gym

SERVICE DAY: DONUTS & PRAYER, SERVICE PROJECTS

9:30 am-12:30 pm | Saturday, Oct. 4 | Meet at the Church
Lunch provided by Home Away From Home

JOINT ABF W/ THE HARAS AND JAPAN TEAM

9 am | Sunday, Oct. 5th | CAA

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT | FOOD TRUCKS & FUN

3-6:30 pm | Sunday, Oct. 5th | Church Lawn
Join us for prayer, praise, and the Children's Award Ceremony.
Food trucks will be here for anyone who would like to purchase
dinner. We'll also have s'mores, a campfire, and games!

HOST A MISSIONARY FOR A MEAL!

Sign up in the Sanctuary Lobby.

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