

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

Worship Choir / Flag Procession

Greeting Time

Call to worship

Songs of praise

Opportunities at CCC

Witness Stand

Susanne Baker Brown – Stepping Stones

Prayer

Pastor Richard John, CCC Guyana

Special Song / Offering

Pastor Toshio Hara, CCC Japan

We worship by hearing and heeding God's word

Scripture – Psalm 126

Dennis Labelle – Youth for Christ

Sermon – “Generously Sow & Reap”

Stephen Langley - ZEMA

Special Music from Psalm 126

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.



Israel Tour Deadline to register for the Israel tour is October 1. Please contact Pastor Mike with any questions about the tour.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CONT.)

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.

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!

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

Save the Date for Our Annual Barn Party on 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!

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.



Register for Fun and Fellowship at one of our fall retreats now at campzion.com!

- Jr. High and Sr. High Fall Camps.
- Men's Retreat, Oct. 17-19, with guest speaker Marc Mailefer.

YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH - 12TH GRADE)

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

Senior High Youth Group, Convocation Worship and Pizza Please join us for the Convocation worship service with Stephen and Jessica Langley tonight from 5-6:30pm. Senior High Youth Group will start at our usual time (6:30pm) with pizza so that you don't have to worry about dinner. Dennis LaBelle will be leading devotions.

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 Fall 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 15 and 16. Sign up by contacting Pastor Leo or at any youth group event.

Service Projects Dates In addition to Convocation service projects this Saturday, please mark your calendars for the following opportunities, open to all junior and senior high students:

October 18 – Noon – 3:00pm – Winter Coat Drive Packing at Immanuel Church

November 8 – 9 am – 1:00pm - The Great Rake

December 5 – 11:30 am – 3:00pm – Love INC Christmas Tree Set Up

December 13 – 5:30 am – 11:00am – Santa's Volunteers

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (BIRTH THROUGH 6TH GRADE)

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AWANA Tomorrow Family night and pizza party, 6:00pm. Children, wear tennis shoes for games.

Convocation (Missions Week) is September 28 through October 5

M&M offering containers were handed out to all the children. (If your child didn't yet get one, stop by the church office after the worship service.) After they enjoy the special treat of M&Ms, they use the container to put their offering in and bring to church. Next Sunday, Oct. 5, they will bring their offering to the worship service and put in their classes tube, which will be at the front of the sanctuary. The offering will go towards missions. This is a great opportunity for children to learn the joy of giving tithes and offerings.

Convocation Children's Choir Kindergarten through 6th grade will be singing on Sunday, September 28 (children arrive by 4:45) for the 5:00pm Worship Night and in the 10:30 worship service on October 5.

Harvest Party | Saturday, October 25 | 9:00-11:00am Trunk or Treat – Join the fun and decorate your car (or a table) and have a treat to pass out to children (non-edibles are great too). Ideas: Bible story, games, Dr. Seuss, animals - fun and friendly. We would love to have you volunteer at this fun event for children, please contact Terri.

Sunday School Teacher Spotlight

We love our Sunday school teachers!

Lisa Roberts serves as one of the 5th & 6th grade teachers

Why is Sunday School a ministry you serve in?

I serve as Sunday school teacher because I feel God has called me to that. I love teaching children God's word, and hope they will see my passion, and it will become contagious. Whenever I watch a superhero movie, I walk away thinking that Jesus Christ is my superhero. He is real. He can do everything that the pretend stories say the mythical superheroes can do. He gave His life for us and rose again. He helps us, comforts us, and gives us strength and love beyond measure.

Share a meaningful Bible verse or Bible story.

One of my favorite Bible stories has always been about Joseph in the Old Testament. He went through many trials, always trusted God. And the picture of his forgiveness of his brothers is a beautiful picture of God's forgiveness of us.



CONVOCAATION

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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