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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the last several months, I have been teaching a class on Evangelism for Summit Christian College. The main purpose of me pursuing my Doctor of Ministry degree was to prepare myself to teach the next generation of ministers and Christian workers. It has been such an amazing experience, and I love my students.

Recently, the teaching staff at the school had a meeting to discuss the challenges of these artificial intelligence programs that can write your papers for you, even using quotes from various printed materials. These programs are incredibly complex and can produce very convincing results. It can be very tempting to use these resources and not rely on personal study or writing. This got me thinking of how easy it is to rely on technology and others in many areas of our lives.

I have noticed too many Christians have relied on other people studying God's Word for them, and not doing the work for themselves. Studying the Bible is an essential part of the Christian faith. It provides guidance, instruction, and wisdom that can help us mature in our relationship with Christ. While listening to what others have gained through Biblical study can be helpful and rewarding, it cannot replace the value and importance of studying the Bible personally.

In 2 Timothy 3:16, the Apostle Paul wrote, "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." Without God's Holy Word, we cannot hope to live the righteous life that God calls us to. God's word has the power to change us into the person God desires us to be. As the writer of Hebrews states in Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." The Bible is not a static book, it is a living and active book that can penetrate and transform a person's heart and mind.

Studying the Bible requires a level of engagement and understanding that cannot be achieved by relying solely on the work of others. James 1:25 states, "But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do." This verse emphasizes the importance of not just reading the Bible but engaging with it and applying it to one's life. This requires a level of critical thinking, reflection, and discernment that relying solely on the work of others cannot replicate.

Studying the Bible is essential for personal growth and spiritual development. It allows us to deepen our relationship with God and to develop a greater understanding of His character and will. This is not something that can be achieved through just listening to others. While technology can provide information, it cannot replicate the transformative power of studying the Bible.

I am very excited about the work Alan is doing to develop our Discipleship Institute here at Appleton Christian. We want to give everyone opportunities to personally engage in studying the Bible and applying what we learn in our lives. Please consider signing up and joining us in studying God's Word together.

I love you all, Dan

Discipleship Institute:

In the next few months there will be two classes offered through the Discipleship Institute. To sign up for a class, please visit the website www.appletonchristian.org and visit the “discipleship institute” page. We look forward to learning together as we become fully devoted followers of Christ.

2 Timothy: Grace and Perseverance

Dates & Times:

Starting June 5th - Ending July 17th

Mondays from 10:00am - 11:30am

Overview:

Paul's second letter to his beloved Timothy is a bold call to stand firm in the face of opposition and suffering for the sake of the Gospel.

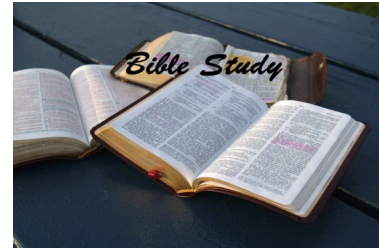
Who Should Attend:

This class is open to everyone.

Expectations/Workload:

This 7-week study will include an introduction to the Inductive Study Method followed by 6 weeks of study. Participants will expect 30 minutes of personal study a day, one hour of group discussion and a 60-minute video lecture each week.

Becoming a Biblical Leader



Dates and Times:

Starting July 12, 2023 – Ending Sept 20, 2023

Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Overview:

Church leadership matters. Leaders in the church have a significant impact on the health and maturity of the congregation. This is why the New Testament provides such clear teaching regarding appointing leadership in the church, and why it spends a significant amount of time providing instruction to church leaders. Biblical church leadership looks very different than the leadership of the world and so it must be intentionally cultivated through the study and application of God's word. This class will provide a general overview of the understanding, knowledge, and character necessary for biblical leadership.

Who Should Attend:

Every Christian should desire to grow in character and knowledge of God's word. Therefore, this course is open to the first 10 people who sign up. The hope is that this class will give anyone who goes through it the tools and knowledge to lead in the church.

Expectations/Workload:

This class will work through a workbook together each week. In class we will discuss biblical principles of church leadership and major church doctrines. Outside class there will be Bible reading, other short readings, and questions concerning the characteristics of a leader. All of this will be discussed at the beginning of our class each week.

Monthly at a Glance

May 2023

May 1-May 13 Bathroom remodel lower bldg.
 2,9,16,23,30 Family Night Bible Studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
 6-Sassy Sisters Event, 11:30 AM, potluck, upper building
 6-Camp Christian Work Day, 9:00 AM
 6,13,20,27 Hymn sing, 6:00 PM
 8- Elder Meeting, 6:30 PM
 14-Mother's Day
 17-18 -Start bringing items for the Yard Sale
 19-20-Church Yard Sale (proceeds for missions)
 20-Meal Prep, 10-noon, sign up by May 14
 21-Mission Team meeting, 12:00 noon
 29-Memorial Day

WEEKLY

- **Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Services**
- **Staff meetings, Tuesday, 1:00 PM**
- **Tuesday 6:30 PM Family Night, Men's and Women's Bible Studies, 6:00 PM Meal**

June 2023

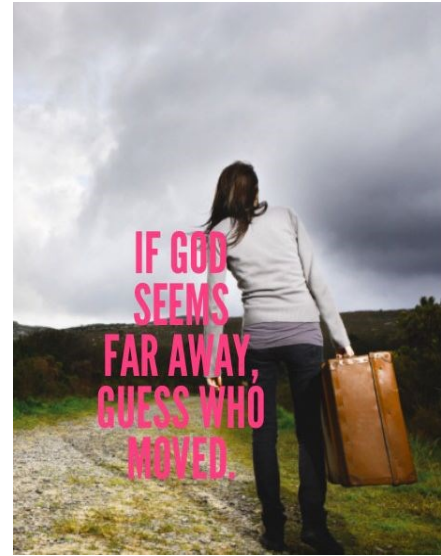
1-4 Men's Walk to Emmaus, contact Bob Labig
 3,10,17,24 Hymn Sing, 6:00 PM
 5-New Class begins, "2 Timothy", 10:00 AM
 5-Elder's Meeting, 6:30 PM
 6,13,20,27- Family Night Bible Studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
 8-11 Women's Walk to Emmaus, contact Phyllis Bolsinger
 9-10 Meal Prep, 10-noon, sign up by June 4
 18-Father's Day

Office hours are: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM, M-Th.

For more information on any event, go to our website and click on calendar. Then click on the event to get more information.

<http://www.appletonchristian.org/calendar>

If God seems far away,
 who moved?



Church Yard Sale
 May 19 and 20, 8:00—3:00 PM

Please start saving your good, clean items for this event. **No electronics or clothing.** Do not bring your items to the church until Wednesday the 17th. All proceeds will be going to the Missions.



Volunteers are needed for:

Wed/Thurs -for pricing and set up
 Fri/Sat -helping with the sale
 Sat—3:30 PM packing everything up, taking leftover items to drop off sites, and setting the church up for Sunday.

Contact Donna Ward 970-623-3665 for more information and to sign up



The Elders have created this section of the newsletter to keep our members informed of some of the events and projects on which we are working.

Building Improvements

At the annual meeting in January, we discussed the need for improvements to the lower building now that most of our activities are centered there. We also discussed how all improvements must service our mission to grow fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Comments and volunteers were requested and for the last couple of months the project teams have been busy meeting to develop work plans and budgets based on your comments and the following objectives:

Area:	Objective:
Worship Center and Fellowship Hall	Remodel to improve acoustics, lighting, and appearance in order to enhance the worship experience
Bathrooms	Update to accommodate increased use of building and enhance maintenance and cleanability
Meeting and Classrooms	Remodel to accommodate growing Sunday school, nursery, and worship attendance requirements and to develop a more effective use of available space
Lobby and Hallways	Remodel to accommodate growing worship attendance requirements, incorporating a welcome center, missions presentation area and to provide a welcoming atmosphere
Kitchen	Upgrade to accommodate growing Meal Prep Ministry as well as ACC fellowship and other group & individual events
Exterior Storage	Reorganize and upgrade storage facilities on north side of building providing sufficient space for storage of tables and chairs from the Worship Center and Fellowship Hall to accommodate various events and other identified storage requirements

There are a few constraints to the planning process, such as no expansion of the building footprint, or major structural, plumbing, or electrical modification. We can't guarantee that all your ideas will be used, but we can guarantee they will be thoughtfully considered.

The idea is to bring together all the plans and proposed budgets for consideration by the Elders in June and then to the congregation as appropriate. I can't say exactly when that will be yet, but it's in the not-too-distant future.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Fudge, ACC Elder

UPCOMING WOMEN'S EVENT SASSY SISTERS "A Walk in the Desert"

All women of the church and friends are invited to a potluck luncheon on Saturday May 6, 11:30 AM in the upper building.

Please join us in food, fellowship and getting to know each other better. Bring a favorite dish to share and your bright shining faces.



Prayer needs

Please let the office know if your family needs help with prayer, communion, meals, visits, etc.



Prayer requests are emailed on Mondays and as needed.

The Appleton Care Ministry mails cards, visits, phones, runs errands, performs light chores, etc., but must know when people need these services. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the office.

Schedule of Events

Don't forget to pick up your *Schedule of Events* card Sunday mornings. It will keep you informed of what is going on in the church for the next few weeks. You can find it on the welcome table or ask the Greeter.



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!



GriefShare

The **GriefShare Support** class is full. The next class will begin on July 12. It is a 14-week class. Contact Phyllis Bolsinger, 970-216-8258

EVERY SUNDAY we offer refreshments for the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. If you would like to help with refreshments, please sign up to help or check with Donna Ward or Jeanne Baker for more information.



ON TUESDAY FAMILY NIGHT we feed between 20-30 people. If you are interested in contributing something for that meal, (mostly dessert) contact Donna Ward or Jeanne Baker.



Operation Christmas Child

The May needs are hygiene items: deodorant, bar soap and wash cloths, brush, comb, etc.

Thank you for all you do. Questions? Please see or call Donna Jean 970-640-8396.

Please put donations in the box in the lower building. Other items for the shoebox are always appreciated.



Hygiene Items

May

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The Tuesday night Women's Bible study will be starting a new class on May 16th. If you want a book, Kari needs to know by May 2nd.



The study is called, "7 Feasts, Finding Christ with Sacred Celebrations of the Old Testament."

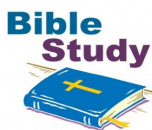
The class is led by Kari Dyson and is also available on Zoom. 6:30 PM Contact Kari @ 928-581-2735

The men's Bible Study is studying Exodus. Contact Alan Dyson 928-580-9856

The children will be led by Levi Willis and they will be learning, "How to study the bible for kids." 6:30 PM, Contact Levi @ 303-653-8620

If you would like to assist Levi with the children on Tuesday, please contact him.

A meal is available at 6:00 PM. If you want to help, contact Jeanne Baker @ 970-242-7380



**The next Meal Prep is
May 20, 2023
Sign up by May 14, 2023**

The meals are:

- 1) **Coconut Lime Chicken**
- 2) **Pot Roast Stew**
- 3) **Sweet Basil Citrus Garlic Chicken**
- 4) **Hawaiian Meatballs**
- 5) **Fiesta Chicken**
- 6) **Cilantro Lime Pork Tacos**

If you write out a check, make it to ACC.

The cost is:

\$ 35.00 for 6 meals for 2 people

\$ 70.00 for 6 meals for 4 people

\$100.00 for 6 meals for 6 people

Contact Heidi Waggoner @ 970-250-0588



Many, many thanks to all of you who showed up to work on the blankets for India! With all those hands working, we completed 20 (45" x 50") blankets, plus some smaller ones.

A total of 28 or so!! We even had 3 sweet ladies (Marlene, Tara, & Linda) who do not belong to our church, come to help. They'd been to the event on Thursday night at our church, read the Applet (thanks Jeanne!) and decided to come lend a hand.

God is AMAZING!!!

My thanks to: Komiko, Joyce Trump, Joyce Labig, Jean Griffin, Jeanne Baker, Barb Robinson, Elizabeth Kovarovic (and Nathan), Donna Jean Ganss, Aiyana Tipony, Chris Beeman and her sister, Kelly and Kathy Messamer, Helen Caldwell, and Yvette Caldwell. If Saul decides that he'd like more blankets to carry, we might do another 'blanketing' in June!

NO WORK THIS SATURDAY

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH CAMP CHRISTIAN



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Ministry: To teach and train campers the way of the Lord in a majestic mountain setting. The camp was founded almost 70 years ago and today offers camps for youth, families, men and women. The camp is located approximately five miles from New Castle, Colorado. The 20-acre camp is a beautiful setting with mountains rising high above and a creek running right through it. Camp Christian has ministered to hundreds of young people and families alike over the years, leading many to Christ and inspiring some to become missionaries or ministers.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for the ongoing ministry of Camp Christian and especially for the campers, old and young, that are touched by this camp. Pray for financial provision for the camp as many updates are needed. Pray for safety for all campers, leaders and helpers. Please keep the Board members in your prayers as they seek God's wisdom in running this ministry.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Come Be Amazed!

AT CAMP CHRISTIAN

MAY 6	CAMP WORK DAY
JUNE 12-15	JUNIOR CAMP (3RD-5TH) \$150
JUNE 19-22	MIDDLE SCH. CAMP (6TH-8TH) \$150
JUNE 26-29	HIGH SCHOOL CAMP \$150
JULY 13	NEVER TOO OLD CAMP (FREE)
JULY 14-16	WOMEN'S CAMP \$85
SEPT 1-4	FAMILY CAMP
	(\$75/ADULT \$50/CHILD AGE 17-6)

LORD, YOU ARE MY GOD;
I WILL EXALT YOU AND PRAISE YOUR NAME,
FOR IN PERFECT FAITHFULNESS
YOU HAVE DONE AMAZING THINGS,
THINGS PLANNED LONG AGO.
ISAIAH 25:1

www.campchristiancolorado.org

May 2023 (Mountain Time - Denver)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
ShareFest	Bathroom renovations, no facilities	DICK MANN 1pm - Building in use - Henry IV. 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study	1pm - GriefShare Class this 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3	5pm - Praise Team Practice	9am - Home School Forest 5pm - Counseling rm 3	9am - Camp Christian Work Day 11am - Sassy Sisters event, 11:30 6pm - Hymn Sing
Kelly Messamer	11am - Daughter of the King, 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,					
Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am						
Start demolition of bathrooms						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bathroom renovations, no facilities	11am - Daughter of the King, 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution, 6:30pm - Elder's Meeting	1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study	8am - ShareFest Meeting @ First 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3	Christian Women's Ministry, 11:00 5pm - Praise Team Practice	9am - Home School Forest 5pm - Counseling rm 3	Jim Anderson 6pm - Hymn Sing
Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am,						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MOTHER'S DAY	John Anglie Wilson Eylon Weber 11am - Daughter of the King 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,	1pm - Building in use - Henry 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study	Kitchen in use - 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 7pm - Beading Group, Ark room	Daughters of the King Ministry 5pm - Praise Team Practice	CHURCH GARAGE SALE Building in use - Meal Prep 9am - Home School Forest 5pm - Counseling rm 3	David Costello Meal Prep 6pm - Hymn Sing
Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am						
12pm - Missions Team Meeting						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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12pm - Missions Team Meeting						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Nate Dyson	John Phyllis Boisinger MEMORIAL DAY 11am - Daughter of the King 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,	Dan Baker Happy Birthday! 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study	4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3	Men's Walk to Emmaus @ Camp Christian 5pm - Praise Team Practice	9am - Home School Forest 5pm - Counseling rm 3	Lander, Debbie Rollen 6pm - Hymn Sing
Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am						

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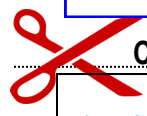


ways to send
Prayer Requests:
Prayer card on Sunday (check the box to be included in the weekly email distribution);
 OR email
prayers@appletonchristian.org/
 OR call
 Nancy @970-241-0858 or the church office @970-242-7380

For **shut-in communion**, please call 970-242-7380 during office hours or contact person listed below:



May
 7- Alan Dyson
 14-Kathy/Kelly Messamer
 21-Dan Baker
 28-Chris Weber



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Communion & Offering Meditation

<p>First Service May 2023 7-Bob Labig 14-Ed Johlman 21-Heidi Waggoner 28-John Wilson June 2023 4-Bob Labig 11-Alan Dyson 18-Heidi Wagoner 25-John Wilson</p>	<p>Second Service May 2023 7-Bob Labig 14-Ed Johlman 21-Levi Willis 28-Jenny Nichols June 2023 4-Bob Labig 11-Alan Dyson 18-Jenny Nichols 25-John Wilson</p>
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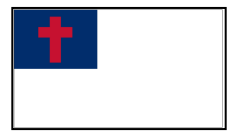
SUNDAY GREETERS

<p>First Service May 2023 7-Keith Kump 14-Linda Mann 21-Jim Rogers 28-C.Ackerman/M.Miller June 2023 4-Keith Kump 11-Judy Devine 18-C. Ackerman/M. Miller 25-Connie/Tom Fudge</p>	<p>Second Service May 2023 7- Yvette Caldwell 14-Kathy/Kelly Messamer 21-Cris Hoche 28-Connie/Louis Martinez June 2023 4-Jenny Nichols 11-Donna Jean Ganss 18-Helen Caldwell 25-Yvette Caldwell</p>
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MAY PRAYER FAMILIES AND SCHOOL

7-Vicki Upson
 Tammy Vig
 Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elemenary
 14-Louise Vig
 Duston Von Ehrenkrook
 Loma Elementary
 21-Brian & Heidi Waggoner
 Ken Waggoner
 Mesa View Elementary
 28-Gary & Donna Ward
 Matthew & Chris Ward
 New Emerson School at Columbus

**ALWAYS
 REMEMBER
 TO
 PRAY FOR**



- GRAND JUNCTION, FRUITA, PALISADE, CLIFTON, AND ORCHARD MESA COMMUNITIES & SCHOOLS
- THE STATE OF COLORADO
- THE GOVERNMENT
- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Bible affirms the power and importance of prayer and we, as a church, are committed to pray for each other. Let us know your request and we will lift you up in prayer.



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MAY 2023

*Our Mission
To grow fully devoted followers of
Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 28:19-20

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages

A CORE
OF TRUTH

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WITH A
LOT OF
APPEAL



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