

Save the date to celebrate with us! Sunday, September 21

TO GOD BE THE GLORY







hello, we're glad YOU are here!

SCAN TO CONNECT WITH US AND TO REQUEST PRAYER





GENERAL FUND

Giving

Expenses







99,365

86,809

MONTHLY GIVING TOTALS FAITH PROMISE JUNE 2025 YEAR TO DATE **JUNE 2025** YEAR TO DATE 363,097 68,563 Giving 15,475 14,017 68,360 402,620 Disbursements Difference

203 (39,523)1,458 12,556 Difference 73,544 441,265 15.107 90.645 2025 Budget 2025 Budget (4,981) (78,168) 8,720 (Behind-)/Ahead+ Ahead+ 368

882,530 2025 Faith Promise Budget 181,291 2025 General Fund Budget

A PLACE TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Young Adults 18-26

Upper Room

Tuesdays (7:30pm)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (9:00am)

Adults of all ages The Gathering C-27/28 C-21/22 Sojourners 50+ Joint Heirs 60+ C-24 70+ Poiema Friends Joy Hall Lindley Hall Phileo 75 +

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"Something Better"

Hebrews 11:35-40 NIV

Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

The BIG Idea:

God has "something better" for us with Jesus that is worth going through the worst suffering, loss, and death. God's "better" far exceeds any so-called happiness we pursue apart from Jesus.

Sometimes God brings a miraculous rescue for His people, delivering them from great harm and even death. But for many others, God does not bring rescue, allowing His people to suffer greatly — even torture and death.

Why does God do this?

Perhaps God is teaching us to value the greater plans He has for us beyond this world and beyond this earthly life. Perhaps God has something better for us right now with Jesus, through His Spirit, that is worth losing everything or suffering anything to gain.

The Faith Story of Tami Hollar

New sermon series begins next week...



GLOBAL FOCUS

Update from Jan and Steve Gidel
Working with CRU in
Evangelism Materials (Part 1)

Looking through some old photos recently, I was struck by just how much time has passed—it's hard to believe it's been 47 years since I joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ. Through all those years, God has faithfully led, guided, and provided.

The impact of the JESUS film and its related resources—both online and through the JESUS Film App—is truly incredible. Over 1,500 churches and mission agencies worldwide are using the film and tools freely, with 2,230 languages now available. Stories of radically changed lives and new churches being planted are happening daily—literally. God is powerfully at work. Our goal remains the same: to partner with the Body of Christ to reach everyone, everywhere, with the gospel in their heart language.

Personally, one of my responsibilities has been updating and making the Window to the World English as a Second Language curriculum available online—a project that has been both a challenge and a joy. I can't express how much your prayers and financial support have meant to me. Thank you.



To find rest for our souls in surrender to the gentle and humble heart of Jesus

OUR VISION:

To be a united, growing family that embodies the presence of Jesus to everyone we encounter



³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.