

**WELCOME!**

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

Announcements

Welcome

Third Sunday Offering Announcement

Passing of the Peace

Invocation

I Believe

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Apostles' Creed

Baptism (*Sunday*)

Elena Nichols, daughter of Nate and Liv Nichols; sponsors Cameron and Caleb Wettschurack

Goodness of God

Kids Message

Acts 4:23–31

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’” ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your

servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”
³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Matthew 6:5–13

⁵ “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

Message

Offering & Connect



Prayers

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We pray for peace and healing in our country.

*We pray God's blessings on the marriage of Savannah Stull & Spencer Bright.
(Sept. 21)*

*We pray God's blessings on the marriage of Patsy Deaton & Dylan Meek.
(Sept 19)*

We give thanks for the baptism of Elena Nichols, daughter of Nate & Liv Nichols.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

My Testimony

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: A praying church is a thriving church. This week focuses on the power of corporate prayer to unite, strengthen, and guide the church. We'll explore how prayer anchors us in God's mission, draws us closer to one another, and empowers us to live out His will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

September Quest Groups

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade) meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Kids Ministry hallway! This month, our kids are learning how God can give you courage when you don't feel ready. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw (dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org)

Kids Ministry Play & Grow Fall Dates

Upcoming Events for kids birth-PreK with their grown-ups:

Regular Dates: September 26, October 24, November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19 @ 9:15am - Meeting in the Kids Ministry rooms

If you would like notifications, contact Katey at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

TREK (7th-8th Graders): Sunday, September 21, 4-5:30pm at St. Peter's in The Den. Join us for games, worship, and community. Questions: Bethany Hayes at bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org

VENTURE (9th-12th Graders): Sunday, September 21 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and small group time. Questions: Mark Kelly at mark.m.kelly59@gmail.com or Lisa Witte at lwitte@stpeters-columbus.org

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (7th-12th Graders): 9:30-10:30am in the Summit (youth room). Join us for a new in-depth exploration of God's Word. Starting in the book of Mark, we will study Jesus' life on earth and delve deeper into what it means to live as He has directed us. Questions: Julie Clore at julie@theclores.com

EXPLORE FAMILY LUNCH - Sunday, October 5, 12:00pm at St. Peter's in The Den. Join us for our monthly check-in. Please bring your Guided By Truth journal, a pen or pencil, and any questions you might have. Questions: Bethany Hayes at bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org

OCTOBER CONCERT

Join us Friday, October 3rd at the Crump from 6-8pm for a "Night of Hope" Concert featuring Christian singer/songwriter, Josh Wilson, and author, poet, and speaker, Tanner Olson.

Through their songs, poems, and stories, Josh and Tanner will bring hope and encouragement.

They'll speak honestly about the goodness of God's grace, the heaviness we endure as humans, and the power of community. You can expect the night to be fun, inviting, and entertaining. This event is geared toward middle school-aged students and adults. Scan the QR codes to discover more about Tanner and Josh.



This concert is free, but due to limited seating registration is highly encouraged. Doors open for registered participants at 5:15pm. Doors open to the public at 5:45pm. Concessions will be open, including Hot Box Pizza.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS

The new **Torah Club** study will start October 19th with the study, "End of Days-is Just the Beginning." End of Days immerses you in the second-century Jewish prophetic worldview-the perspective that shaped Jesus, His apostles, and the first disciples. Like in the days of Noah, when people lived unaware of what was coming, this study calls disciples to wake up and prepare.

This year-long Torah Club study begins in the Torah and traces the unfolding hope of redemption through the Prophets and Writings and into the book of Revelation. Along the way, it reframes your understanding of the end times with biblical clarity, historical depth, and spiritual urgency. Contact Kari Spurgeon now at 812-371-5295 to enroll, or for more information.

MASTER SITE PLAN FORUMS

Attend a forum where you can learn more about the Master Site Plan, pose questions, and give feedback. The Master Site Plan is a long-term visual document that is adaptable and guides the physical layout of our campus to support our Mission: To Transform Lives and Grow God's Kingdom. Scan the QR code to register or get more information.



JAPANESE MISSION SOCIETY

Do you like to talk and want to make international friends? The Japanese Mission Society (JMS) is in need of an English conversation teacher to join the team of three other teachers to help with the ESL (English as a Second Language) program held at Grace Lutheran Church. The class meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11am. Teacher resources and support are available and NO Japanese language is necessary... only fun authentic English! If interested or have questions, please contact Tom or Debi Going @ (812) 350-4483.

LOVE CHAPEL

Love Chapel (columbuslovechapel.com) is a nonprofit charitable organization that has been committed to serving our neighbors in Bartholomew County for over 50 years, providing access to food, shelter, and financial assistance. Love Chapel is a Christian organization, but our services are for everyone, regardless of their walk of life.

Love Chapel is seeking nominations for two Executive Board Positions: Executive Vice President and Secretary. Both positions are volunteer.

The Vice President's responsibilities include chairing the Resource Development Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee. The Vice President also covers for the President as required. Typically, the Vice President serves for 2 years and then serves as the President for the following 2 years, a total term of 4 years.

Secretary responsibilities include recording and publishing minutes for both the Executive Committee and Board Member meetings. Each meeting is held monthly except for June and December. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining the Roll of Members and Directors. The Secretary is a member of the Love Chapel Membership Committee. The term for Secretary is one year, but typically the Secretary will be nominated to continue forward until the secretary chooses to resign.

Nominations will close on 10/15/2025. If you have any questions or would like to be considered for either board position in support of this very important community ministry, please contact Christine Schaefer at 812-374-8289 or chris_ti@msn.com.

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Tim Carter

Worship Leaders: Pastor Adam Rodriguez and Daniel Bodemann

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays

Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at stpeterscolumbus.org

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