



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

WORSHIP, CONNECT, SERVE

*Experiencing life abundant
through **worshipping** God,
connecting with each other
and the community, and **serving** others.*

Michael's Mind



Philippians 4:13 was a memory verse in my youth. "I can do all things" was a bumper sticker sold at youth rallies and Fellowship of Christian Athletes events. I learned the verse from a paraphrased version of the New Testament: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I used to think that verse meant that nothing would be impossible for me. I can do all things. This may be the most frequently quoted promise in the Bible. It is also badly interpreted by many.

I found out, as some of you have, that I could not do "all things" even when I worked and prayed very ardently. I could not throw a 105 mile per hour fastball no matter how high the mound. I could not make the Olympic track team even in my prime. I know now that God will not grant everything I pray for. I cannot do everything I feel I should do and accomplish everything I wish. But I am a Christian and I love Jesus Christ. I want to do good things for Him. I love God's church. So why is this promise so badly interpreted?

Mainly we have secured verse 13 out of its context. The Apostle writes this from prison under the prospect that he is to be sentenced to death. Already Christians were being killed/martyred for their faith in Christ. Yet in the 3 verses prior to "I can do all things" Paul writes that he is content. I have learned that whether I have a lot or if I am in physical need...if everybody likes me or some don't...no matter what life circumstances come my way...the secret to contentment is knowing I can handle it all "in Christ" who strengthens me. Will we be able to trust Christ in the good times and the bad times?

Don't believe it if somebody tells you that the Christian life is going to be always easy. But you can do all things (in Christ) when you are in Christ. So know how to trust when you are down...and know how to live when things are looking good, (how to abound). Jesus Christ brings this kind of contentment. You can do all things through Christ! But this does not mean that you will always get what you want. It means that ours is the contentment...the Peace of Christ...even Paul was not spared his "thorn in the flesh" but "Thanks be to God" he found contentment in the victory of grace. This is the strength that overcomes.



February is the month so many people do their best to share their love with one another in so many ways as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

John 15:12-13 (NIV) *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

Jesus was clearly saying here that our love towards one another as the family of God should not be dictated by "feelings" because you cannot give a commandment to feel a certain way. Yet, this love He wants us to have is a choice that we make in our hearts to love one another even as He loved us!

I want to encourage you during this time of year and special celebration of love, to take a little extra time to appreciate and love the family of God.

We live in a world in which actions are only determined by the feelings of the moment. If a person feels in love, they do all they can to bless that person who loves them. Yet, so often when the emotions are not what they once were, their level of commitment to that person takes a direct hit.

We cannot go through this life without being offended, and often our offense arises out of unmet expectations, yet these are the times our love is tested! I encourage you today to pass the test and love one another not only in the times of harmony and agreement, but also in those challenging moments when it is difficult to do so!

1 John 3:16 (NIV) *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."*

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Nelson Torres



This past weekend I directed Chi Rho MidWinter at Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat. This was a two-night retreat for 6th-8th graders designed for them to get away from normal life and find sacred time with God and have some fun of course. It was my first time to direct at this camping ground and we brought a handful of adults and youth from our church, so it was destined to be a good time (and a lot of work for me).

Our theme for the weekend was “God is calling you” and we spent the weekend talking about biblical characters’ call stories including Jonah, Samuel, and Mary the mother of Jesus. Then we looked at the youth around us and invited them to answer God’s call or simply consider how they are still figuring out God’s call for themselves.

One of the activities that I led was more insightful in calls than I imagined when I was planning it. I found a bag of clothespins in the church’s storage closet and glued small pictures of phones on them. They were all different phones, some of them looked like the same fancy cell phones the kids use and some of them looked like the rotary phone that my dad has stored up in the attic. Saturday morning, I got out my envelope of premade clothespins and started pinning them on the sleeves and hoods of the youth. I tried to be sneaky about it, but that’s harder than I thought.

Some youth were not phased, they knew this youth minister was up to no good, playing a trick on them. Some of them ran away from me and the clothespin, some people gave their clothespin away, and one of the youth from our church hid his so I would be misled into giving him another one. At the end of the weekend, it was confirmed that every kid had a clothespin which represented a call.

My hope in this activity is that the youth would learn that everyone gets a call to be who God made them to be. Sometimes we accept our call, sometimes we try to run away from our call, sometimes we simply ignore it for a better time. My prayer is that all of us can find and discern what God calls us to do. May we be inspired by the young girl called by God to raise a little boy who would grow up to be our Savior.

1 Samuel 3:4 says Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

Luke 1:38 says “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered.

“May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Amen.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith you will receive."



Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat is asking for our help for their work day on Saturday, February 23, 2019 8 am - 3 pm. Lunch is provided.

Let Rev. Katherine Wright know if you want to attend, we can all ride together.

Offering Envelopes



We still have a handful of offering envelopes that need to be picked up. If you didn't get any for 2019 and would like some, there is a list on the same table where you can sign up for some to be assigned to you. Let the office know if you have any questions.

Jimmy Percival
2019 BOS Treasurer

*This month we are
collecting soup for
Inman*



***Drop off with the Secretary in
the church office. If you have
any questions, please feel free
to contact us.
Thank you in advance!***



happy
birthday

February 5	Darrell Ream
February 8	Liz Henderson
February 13	Nancy Allyn
February 12	Glenn McGuyre
February 15	Matthew Perez
February 20	Becky Sims
February 25	Arianna Moembo
	Brianna Moembo
February 26	Julie Grace Carlson
February 27	Jerry Gray
February 28	Eddie Martinez
	Cristina E. Slaughter

*We hope it's your best one yet.
Wishing you all nothing but happiness on
your special day.*

Happy 2019 from your Board of Stewards Chair Lisa Harbert!

It's an exciting year with some new opportunities to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come join us for prayer gathering time at 6pm on Tuesday February 5th in the Chapel and then go with us to say thank you to our city's First Responders. We will pray for them and leave them food. It's our evening of Gratitude to God as a church!
Come join us!!

Also, available to you are the packets from the Stewardship Luncheon outside the office for you to review. We are excited for you to find new opportunities to be involved in the church.

God Bless and please keep praying for our wonderful church!

In Christ's love,
Lisa



Come Join the FUN!

You can be a part of the Chili Cook-Off.

Sign-up sheet is right outside the office on the bulletin.

You can also sign up by sending an email to secretary@cccsa.org



Mission Trip Fundraiser & Chili Cook-Off

**FEB. 10TH AT NOON
BRING CHILI TO SHARE
HOSTED BY THE JYF & YOUTH OF
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SAN
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Mission South & Disciple Oaks Present

2019 Summer Camp Dates & Fees

Family Camp - May 24-26, 2019

Directors: Emily Wycpalek and Judy Dalton Fee: \$TBD
Programming: Sara & Jonathan Fisher

CYF Conference (completed 9th-12th grade) - June 9-15, 2019

Directors: Brett Coe and Evan Tiffany Fee: \$405

Eighter's Camp (completed 8th grade) - June 16-22, 2019

Directors: Augusta Cloyd and Steve Cloyd Fee: \$450

JYF Camp (completed 2nd-4th grade) - June 25-29, 2019

Directors: Jenny Gray and Carolyn Allen Fee: \$305

Chi Rho Camp (completed 5th-7th grade) - July 7-13, 2019

Directors: Maggie Mossler and Lorellye Graham Fee: \$405

Online Registration Opens February 15, 2019

Check out discipleoaksretreat.net and
facebook.com/discipleoaks for more information

HONORARIA August – December 2018

**In Honor of Katherine Farmer
To the Building Fund
Cristina E. Slaughter**

**In Honor of George R. Gregory
To the GRG Organ/Carillon Fund
Chancel and Handbell Choirs**

**In Honor of Dr. Douglas R. Boyer
To the Music Ministry
Chancel and Handbell Choirs**

MEMORIALS August – December 2018

For the CCC Endowment Fund

In Memory of: Tom Collins – Rev. Katherine Wright
Dr. Orval Holt -- Cecille Martinez

For the CCC Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Memory of: Lois Thomas – Patricia & Roger Garland
Kathryn Youngblood – Patricia & Roger Garland
Dr. Patrick Tolar – Patricia & Roger Garland
Aurelia and Louis Giron – Cecille Martinez

For the Music Ministry

In Memory of: Phyllis Jenks – Cristina E. Slaughter
Bruce and Yendys Borchers – Laurie Harvey

For the Building Fund

In Memory of: Dr. Orval Holt – Harry Steel

For the Barbara Garverick Sewing Fund

In Memory of: Irene Mashburn – Cristina E. Slaughter

For the George R. Gregory Organ/Carillon Fund

In Memory of Tom Collins

Cristina E. Slaughter
Cecille Martinez
Covenant Class
Cathie Owen
Diane Persellin
Fred & Pat Witta
Harlan Adamcik
Carlo & Stephanie Van Uft

Yvonne Ryall
Sally Harwood
Ron & Kay Weaver
Richard & Marjorie Parrigan
Pat & Roger Garland
Karen Besette
Bill & Gretchen Ryan
Mary Lou Russell
Veronika Pue

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CCC FEBRUARY 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<p><i>"A life growing in its purity and devotion will be a more prayerful life."</i> -E.M. Bounds</p>					<p>1 Ask God to lift us up in comfort as we give our burdens to Him</p>	<p>2 Pray for all neighbors who live alone & let them know they really are not</p>
<p>3 Pray to have eyes that see only the best in others and a heart that forgives the worst</p>	<p>4 Lift up in prayer those who need an extra hand to get thru each day - as you extend yours</p>	<p>5 <u>Prayer Gathering</u> Pray for our church ministries to grow & flourish in God's name</p>	<p>6 Pray that we open our hands generously to others in Christ</p>	<p>7 Pray for those suffering from alcohol drug abuse that they find hope</p>	<p>8 Pray for the hungry, that they receive nourishment comfort, and hope</p>	<p>9 Pray for relatives who live far away & let them know they are loved</p>
<p>10 Ask God to guide our efforts to pray & speak to Him with sincerity, from our hearts</p>	<p>11 Pray that we follow God's wishes for us in all things and with His help</p>	<p>12 Pray for all our grandchildren that they grow in love, joy and happiness</p>	<p>13 Ask God to open our hearts to him in adoration and love</p>	<p>14 <u>Valentine</u> Thank God for His love for us as we show that love to others in His name</p>	<p>15 Pray for our spouses and let them know they are loved & appreciated</p>	<p>16 Pray for those who are moving to new homes that they be safe & happy</p>
<p>17 Thank God for loving us in spite of our imperfections & for always giving us another chance</p>	<p>18 Pray that we willingly offer our hands and hearts in service to others in love</p>	<p>19 Pray for our CWF and all women of our church, that our fellowships remain strong</p>	<p>20 Pray for mothers with difficult pregnancies that all goes well w/birth w/God's help</p>	<p>21 Pray for our world leaders to stand true to the needs of their people</p>	<p>22 Pray & thank God for the friends we have who love and support us</p>	<p>23 Pray that God's grace will bless us this day and every day</p>
<p>24 Pray & thank God for His blessings to us in our family bonds of love & togetherness</p>	<p>25 Pray for our partners in life & thank God they are with us in all things, lifting us up in love</p>	<p>26 Pray that we know God's presence in breaking bread with those we love</p>	<p>27 Pray for all new infants that they flourish & grow strong & happy</p>	<p>28 Pray for our dear friends & let them know they are loved always</p>		

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14: 13-15

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."</i></p> <p>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:50 Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group	Ministers Week					
		9:30 am CWF Group 1 10:30 am CWF Groups 2-3 6:00 pm Prayer Gathering 7:00 pm Gratitude Trip	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir 6:30-7:30 pm Military Ministry			
10 10:50 Worship 12:00 pm Love Mission Fundraiser Lunch Chili Cook- Off  5:00 Youth Group	11	12	13	14	15	16
		9:00 am Benevolent Sewing 6:30 pm Executive Committee	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir 6:30 -7:30 pm Military Ministry	Valentine's Day 	BBA/CPA Men's Retreat at Disciple Oaks	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:50 Worship Birthday Sunday 5:00 pm Youth	<i>Presidents'</i> Day Church Office CLOSED	11:00 am CWF	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir 6:30 -7:30 pm Military Ministry			8:00-3:00 pm Camp Work Day 9:00 am CMF
24	25	26	27	28		
10:50 Worship 5:00 pm JYF & Youth Group		6:30 pm Elders	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir 6:30 -7:30 pm Military Ministry			

Don't limit your Challenges. Challenge your limits!

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