



Christ Community Church Newsletter

Made in the Image of God

Welcome to our Newsletter where we can keep you up to date on all the exciting happenings at our church.



Holy Thoughts with Pastor Jacob Sandholm

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 1:26-27

Let me start this month's thought with a question. If Jesus Christ was standing right in front of you, would you have the desire to hurt or murder Him? Remember, Jesus was a sinless man who only taught, healed, and loved anyone that He came across. This reminds me of Matthew 27:54 when the earth quaked, the dead rose, and the veil was torn after Jesus gave up His spirit after being crucified. The centurion that was watching Him die realized at that time, that they had killed the Son of God.

Now, I realize that this is an intense opening to these thoughts, but I must say that these past few weeks have surprised me in many negative ways. I have read Matthew 24, 2 Timothy 3, and Revelation many times and I knew that we have been drawing nearer to the return of Jesus Christ. However, I believe that we are starting to see the veil, that has been over the spiritual realm, open more and more. The evil that has been celebrated and supported recently in the world has blurred the lines of what is real warfare and what is spiritual warfare.

I believe that there are demons walking among us, and the majority of the world either cannot see it or turns a blind eye to it. Whether it is out of unbelief or fear, this planet is bleeding and it is falling apart. The murdering of children is being supported and celebrated whether it is inside or outside the womb, power and greed have become the new “normal” for Christian leaders, and there is a wide acceptance of false religions within our communities, churches, and homes. As believers, we must be reminded of the value of life from conception until death. The scripture that I chose to focus on this month is from Genesis 1, where we are reminded of who we were created to be. We were created in the image of God.

Being created in the image of God means that every single human being is an image bearer of God. Unfortunately, there are many that don't realize this or simply do not care. However, in the times that we are living in, believers of Christ cannot forget this. When you celebrate the death of any human being, you are celebrating the death of a man or woman that God had created. I realize that there are very evil human beings in the world right now that are being used by the enemy, but it is to God's great sorrow that this has taken place. Peter tells us in 2 Peter that God does not wish for anyone to perish, but for all to repent and come to eternal life (2 Peter 3:9).

There is value in every life, even in the life that has wronged you or has hurt you. Let us not forget this month, “For we **do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*” (Ephesians 6:12). If we are to become angry at the events that are happening in the world around us, let it become a righteous anger where we let go of ourselves and let Jesus Christ, the Lion of Judah and the One who has overcome the world, fight and take revenge for us. God will not put up with this evil forever. Stand fast believer in Christ and remember the words that Paul stated in Romans 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

May the Truth Set You Free,

Pastor Jacob Sandholm

***If you would like to connect with Pastor Jacob, please know that his office hours are**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 Am-3:30 Pm. You can also contact the church email to

connect with him: christcommunitydc@gmail.com

September Ministries



Motherhood Ministry

We continue to show up for moms who need support in any form. Whether it's sharing a warm meal, spending time together while the kids play at the park, or simply sending a message to remind them that they're not alone—we want moms to know they have a community behind them. Please don't hesitate to let us know of a mom who's needing help - we'd be happy to reach out.

We're also excited to start exploring more mom-focused gatherings in the coming months, so stay tuned for what's ahead!

If you'd like to learn more about this ministry or explore ways to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to reach out at [**christcommunitydc@gmail.com**](mailto:christcommunitydc@gmail.com).



Outreach Committee

We're looking forward to our upcoming Fall Festival! If you're interested in volunteering, please let Kaitlyn know—we'd love to have you join us. It'll be on the square on September 19th and we'll have a booth and offering kids' games!

The Volunteer Pizza Party was a lot of fun and fellowship and we were able to better explain what ministries we offer so people know where they can serve within our church. We plan to have a 'Service Group Fair' on September 19th for people to explore their options and sign up for different ways to serve.

Thank you to everyone who continues to serve, show up, and invest in our church and community!

If you're interested in helping organize these activities, we'd love to have you on the Outreach Committee. To get involved, email us at christcommunitydc@gmail.com or text 641-242-2826.

Elevate Youth Ministry



We had a great time celebrating the beginning of a new year at our Kick-Off bonfire. We are so grateful for the Ver Hey's for hosting and supporting our youth. We will have our first

Elevate meeting for the fall season on Sunday, September 6th at 5:30pm at the Mutchler Center. Please join us and tell our friends!

We're excited to continue building on the momentum from this summer, creating a space where students can connect, grow in their faith, and have fun together. We can't wait to see what God has in store for Elevate in the months ahead!



Missions

We're dedicated to serving not only through missions work across the country and around the world, but also right here in our own community. We want to be a church that is willing to step in, lend a helping hand, and meet needs wherever we can.

If you know of someone who could use a little extra help or a project in our community that needs to be done, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kaitlyn. We'd love the opportunity to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our community.

If you're interested in joining an upcoming mission trip or becoming part of our missions team, we'd love to connect with you. Reach out to us at **christcommunitydc@gmail.com**—we'd be honored to have you involved in this important work!



Children's Ministry

September 20th is the big day and we cannot wait to welcome our kiddos back to Children's Church! We will be taking the kids to the park that day to enjoy some sunshine (Lord willing) and fresh air. We will then bring them back to the church as service is ending to enjoy an Ice Cream Social.

As we look ahead to another great year, we'd love to have more people join us in serving with Children's Church. If you've ever considered getting involved, we encourage you to prayerfully consider whether this might be the right service group for you. There are so many opportunities to pour into the lives of our children, and we truly appreciate your willingness to consider serving!

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and helping our kids grow in their faith!

A heartfelt *thank you* to those who are already serving and to those prayerfully considering it. If you'd like to learn more or be added to the team, please email Kaitlyn at christcommunitydc@gmail.com.



Choir

Choir is just around the corner! The first practice will be Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 6pm and the first Sunday we will get to enjoy hearing them sing will be Sept. 13th. We would love to have more people join to sing in the choir, so if you're interested please let Kaitlyn or Karen know.

Choir practices are held on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. We'd love to have you join us as we use our voices to worship and glorify God together!

Call Karen Spurgeon at 641-208-3202 for more information.

September						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7:15pm Prayer Meeting 2	3	4	5
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Elevate 6	6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7	1 6pm Outreach Mtg 8	6pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 9	10	11	12
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