

Dear CBC Family,

I'm praying for all of you as we begin a new school year! Let me share two things I'm excited about.

First, I'm thrilled to be in Ephesians this fall, where Paul explains the cosmic Christ and his body, the church. Our vision as a church is *a compelling, united, Christ-treasuring family, equipping saints, reaching the nations, and investing in eternity* — and I think we're going to see that vision on display all through this letter. The first half unpacks one of the most important realities in your life — a Christian's identity in Christ, both individually and corporately. The second half tells us how to live out of that identity. As Kent Hughes observes, "Ephesians — carefully, reverently, prayerfully considered — will change our lives. It is not so much a question of what we will do with the epistle, but what it will do with us" (Hughes, *Ephesians*, 16).

Second, I'm excited for you to check out our new podcast, *Equip on the Go*. CBC exists to glorify God by making disciple-making disciples, and one way we're seeking to do that for Christians who are spread thin across NOVA is through a podcast that gives you a broad overview of the content we cover in our Equip classes — helping you follow Jesus better and, hopefully, drawing you into an Equip class to go even deeper. Be on the lookout for information in the upcoming weekly emails on how to subscribe!

Let's pray together that the Lord would make our church fruitful for his glory this Fall!

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Josh', with a stylized, flowing script.

Pastor Josh