



Christian Embassy Worship Center Newsletter

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

TRUTH FOR THE JOURNEY

Patience: Trusting God in the Waiting

Biblical patience is more than quietly watching the clock. It is Spirit-given endurance—the strength to remain steady under pressure, trust God's character and timing, and respond with faith rather than fear. Inatpatience often exposes our desire to control circumstances or people, but patience invites us to surrender that control and believe God is working even when progress seems slow.

Scripture shows that waiting is never wasted. Isaiah 40:31 promises renewed strength to those who wait on the Lord. In Acts 16, Paul and Silas answered hardship with prayer and praise, and their endurance became a setting for God's power. Their example reminds us that patience is not passivity; it is active trust expressed through worship, composure, and perseverance.

God's patience with us also shapes how we treat others. Second Peter 3:9 reveals His longsuffering and mercy. We reflect that grace when we bear another person's weaknesses without complaint, protect their dignity, speak truth that helps them grow, and remain present through difficult seasons. True friendship is measured not only in shared celebrations but also in the willingness to carry burdens together.

Waiting is often less about receiving what we want and more about becoming who God intends us to be. As we trust Him, pressure can become prayer, delay can deepen faith, and our lives can display His patient character more clearly.





YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE:

Why the 2026 Midterm Election Matters



Voting is one meaningful way we can help shape the future of our community. Midterm elections help decide leaders and policies that influence Nevada, Clark County, schools, public safety, housing, transportation, health services, and neighborhood resources.

Take time to learn about the candidates and ballot questions, pray for wisdom, and vote according to your values and conscience. Encourage family members, friends, and neighbors to make a plan to participate as well.

The 2026 General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

In the Las Vegas area, Clark County voters can register or update their information through RegisterToVote.NV.gov.



**Register.
Verify. Make
a plan to
vote.**

To verify that your registration is active and accurate, use the Clark County Election Department's Registered Voter Services through ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote. Review your name, address, party affiliation, voting eligibility, voting history, and voting location information.

If you have moved or changed your name, update your registration as soon as possible.

For assistance, contact the Clark County Election Department at (702) 455-VOTE (8683).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 6, 2026 is the last day to register before extended registration begins
- October 7-20 is extended online registration and updates
- October 17-30 is the early voting period
- October 21–November 3 allows online same-day registration
- November 3 is Election Day, with in-person same-day registration available

Clark County residents may vote at any early-voting site or Election Day Vote Center in the county.



CEWC COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

October 2026 | Southern Nevada

Community services and family resources for our church and neighbors.

SENIORS

City of Las Vegas Senior Services

Senior centers, activities, information and referrals, recreation and volunteer opportunities for older adults.

Jewish Family Service Agency - Senior Services

Senior support services, food assistance and Senior Lifeline resources for qualifying older adults.

Family Youth Enrichment Center - Senior Pantry

890 W. Bartlett Ave.

Senior pantry service is generally offered on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Confirm the October schedule before attending.

ONGOING COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Dolores Huerta Resource Center - North Las Vegas

A bilingual community resource hub connecting residents with visiting providers and services that may include family assistance, health resources, workforce support and other community programs.

EmployNV Career Hubs

Ongoing employment assistance including job-search support, resume preparation, career exploration, workshops, skills assessments and connections to training opportunities.

Nevada 211

Statewide referral resource for food, housing, employment, transportation, health, utility assistance and other community services.

YOUTH & FAMILY RESOURCES

City of Las Vegas Youth Programs

Youth programming may include STEM, arts, cooking, chess, Spanish, swimming, sports, dance and after-school activities. Check the October recreation calendar for current sessions.

Social CirKISH Youth Workshops

East Las Vegas Library

Free youth enrichment using circus arts such as acrobatics, juggling and clowning to encourage physical, emotional and social development. Programming is designed for children age 8+ and teens; verify October sessions.

Baby's Bounty

Family-support resource providing diaper assistance and other essentials for babies and young children. Check the organization's current distribution calendar for October opportunities.

PLEASE NOTE: Event dates, times, eligibility requirements and availability may change. Please contact the sponsoring organization or check its current calendar before attending.



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A curated selection of employment opportunities, community services, food assistance, senior and youth resources, and October activities to share with our church and community.

CAREER & JOB FAIRS

Oct. 3 - Haas Automatiow Career Fair

9:00 AM-3:00 PM | Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas
Recruiting for multiple manufacturing positions from entry-level through experienced roles.
Event availability/registration should be verified before attending.

Oct. 6 - Veteran Interview & Networking Event

10:00 AM-3:15 PM | EmployNV Career Hub, 3405 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas
Open to all job seekers. Includes resume assistance, interview preparation, computer-lab access and networking with employers.

Oct. 8 - EmployNV Career Fair & Resource Expo

11:00 AM-2:00 PM Career Fair; 3:00-6:00 PM Resource Expo | West Las Vegas Library.
1861 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Employers representing healthcare, manufacturing, skilled trades and other industries, plus training and career-support resources. Free.

Oct. 10 - House of Love Career & Resource Fair

12:00-4:00 PM | CSN North Las Vegas Campus, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave.
Employers and community resources, job opening, resume review, job-skills training, continuing-education information and small business resources. Free. Verify final event date before attending.

Oct. 17 - Haas Automation Career Fair

9:00 AM-3:00 PM | Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas
A second October recruiting opportunity for manufacturing positions. Verify registration availability.

Oct. 21 - Ignite Your Future: Auto & Diesel Career Fair

11:10 AM-2:00 PM | CSN North Las Vegas Campus, T Building Parking Lot, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave.
Meet organizational industry recruiters and learn about automotive and diesel cars, internships and full-time employment.

Oct. 22 - Las Vegas Career Fair

11:00 AM-2:00 PM | Sunset Station Hotel & Casino, 1301 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson
Meet multiple Las Vegas-area employers and hiring managers face-to-face. Free admission and parking.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Oct. 3 - Binational Health Fair

10:00 AM-1:00 PM | East Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastren Ave.
Free health services, screenings, vaccinations and health information for all age groups appointment required.

Oct. 3 - Free Ice Skating

5:00-7:00 PM | American Center, Henderson
Free creation, creating activity for individuals and families. Verify participation details before attending.

Oct. 8 & 9 - Free Adult Nutrition Classes

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | 123 Anywhere St., Any City
Free adult nutrition education. Additional bilingual nutrition sessions are listed for Oct. 10 and 17 through UNR Extension in North Las Vegas

Oct. 10 - Barbershop Health Outreach

1:00-3:00 PM | Mr. Cs Barbershop
Free blood-pressure checks and community health outreach in partnership with Get Healthy Clark County.

FOOD & NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Three Square Food Bank - Food Finder

Use Three Square's Food Finder to locate current walk-up and drive-through food distributions, senior pantries, TEAP sites and children's meal programs throughout Southern Nevada.

The Just One Project

1401 N. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas
Community food assistance, senior food programs and supportive services. Check current pantry schedule before visiting.

Helping Hands of Vegas Valley - Senior Food Assistance

3640 N. Fifth St., Suite 140
Food assistance for adults age 60+, including emergency food-bag delivery options for eligible homebound seniors. Phone: 702-633-7264.



Oct. 12 - 50+ Senior Movie Day

Henderson 50+ programming
A social outing/activity for adults age 50+ and older. Advance registration and current program details should be verified.

Oct. 17 - Military Appreciation Day

10:00 AM-4:00 PM | Craig Ranch Regional Park, North Las Vegas
Community event recognizing military members, veterans and their families.

Oct. 24 - Elders Day Celebration

2:00-4:00 PM | West Las Vegas Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.
Free community celebration honoring elders and their contributions. Registration requested.

Why We Do What We Do

Why Do We “Talk Back” During the Sermon?

You’ve probably heard a pastor say, “Tell your neighbor,” or encourage the congregation to talk back during the sermon. That’s more than a way to keep everyone involved—it’s a deeply rooted cultural and theological practice that turns preach into a shared experience, not a one-way lecture.

Where does the tradition come from?

Call and response has deep roots in African spiritual traditions. It was carried forward in the hush-harbor worship gatherings of enslaved African Americans and reflects the biblical pattern of worshippers answering together with words such as “Amen.” Revival movements helped spread the practice, and today it remains familiar in many Baptist, Pentecostal, Holiness, and charismatic churches.

What does it mean for worship?

The Black sermon has often been described as a communal event. In other words, the congregation doesn’t simply sit and listen; the people help shape moment. Preaching becomes a kind of communion—something that happens among pastor and people as they receive and proclaim God’s Word together.

Why does participation matter?

These moments do several good things for the congregation:

- They give everyone a voice. Instead of receiving the sermon passively, worshippers are invited to reflect, respond, and take part.
- They bring us closer together. Turning to a neighbor creates a simple opportunity to connect, encourage one another, and build a sense of belonging.
- They help the message stick. Saying something aloud, hearing another person’s response, or offering an “Amen” can make the sermon feel more personal and memorable.
- They remind us that we are one body. Worship is something we do together—listening, speaking, learning, and growing as a community of faith.

What We Gain When We Join In

When the pastor says, “Look at your neighbor,” “Tell your neighbor,” or “Talk back to me,” preaching becomes more than one person speaking. It becomes a shared act of worship in which the whole congregation helps bring the message to life.

- We stay engaged. A quick response breaks up the “sit and listen” routine. It gives us a moment to think about what we’ve heard and to connect it to our “.”
- We connect with one another. When we turn toward someone nearby, share a thought, or affirm the message together, we strengthen our sense of community and belonging in the body of Christ.
- We practice a relative faith. Speaking to a neighbor gives us a small but meaningful chance to listen, encourage, and show care—habits that help us grow as disciples and live out our faith together.
- We become participants, not spectators. The sermon is not simply something delivered to us. Our responses make us active partners in the hearing and sharing the good news.
- We show what a living church looks like. A congregation that listens, responds, and encourages one another offers a visible picture of a vibrant, connected faith community.

So, what should we do?

The next time the pastor says, “Turn to your neighbor,” go ahead and join in. It’s not just a preaching technique. It’s an invitation to step into the Scripture, respond to the message, and help make worship a living experience for everyone.

In short, when the pastor invites us to speak, respond, or encourage a neighbor, our voices become part of the sermon. Together, pastor and congregation share in proclaiming the gospel and building up the church.



Mental Health Ministry

SEASONAL REFLECTION

October brings shorter days and the gentle reminder that seasons change. We are invited to release what no longer serves our peace. Just as trees let go of their leaves in preparation for renewal, we can choose let of the pressure to be everything for everyone, the burdens we carry in silence, and the stories God never intended for our lives.

God is not asking us to force our way through the upcoming seasons. He is asking us to trust Him in the transition. His presence remains constant spreading peace and assurance to our hearts.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Myths of Mental Health in Black Communities

Research projects that Blacks ignore mental and emotional symptoms in favor of faith-based beliefs (Dennis, 2015). When a person denies having these symptoms and families have been discouraged to discuss mental health concerns, you know that old adage, “what goes on in the house, stays in the house” the pain is internalized and festers like an unhealed wound. I recall an uncle who struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms after returning home from the Vietnam War, but the family ignored his illness. He lived in silence with his symptoms by using drugs and alcohol to fill the internal emptiness and died a young life. Black communities have long been silent about seeking professional treatment to avoid betraying family and cultural beliefs.

Historically, mental and physical services have not been readily available in black communities and even today, the lack of racial and ethnic diversity of providers pose a threat to a black person seeking treatment, whether mental or physical (Id.). Our communities not only need a diversity of mental health professionals, but we must be diligent in advertising these services in the community to reduce the stigma of seeking mental health treatment. CEWC Mental Health Ministry provides a platform of resources that demonstrates and encourages dialogue about mental health illness. To strengthen this ministry, we have collaborated with private sector counselors who are willing to provide confidential services.

To debunk the generational myths about mental health illness, we must continue to have open forums to discuss the impact of mental health in black communities. Let's work together to help the community to understand the importance of attending to their mental health to avoid the stigma of distrust, disbeliefs, and presumptions of 'white medical institutions' (Id.). While there may not be adequate diversity among professionals, it is necessary to encourage those struggling with mental health illnesses to address their symptoms. It is hard work to face challenges that we mask or pretend they do not exist. Mental scars are invisible and most don't know how these scars surface in our lives and we succumb to addictions to 'patch' the wound that requires surgery (talk therapy). Before this writer sought a mental health counselor, I struggled to silence the voice of my mother, “you'll never amount to anything.” I learned that forgiving and acceptance were key in silencing her voice. I received other mental health tools to repair the damage I created in my own depressed and anxious world.

As a church family, telling someone to 'be strong' or 'just keep praying' is demoralizing and goes against the Word of God, “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2 KJV). Remember this: our worth was imputed by God, the Worthy One, and our struggles do not define who we are. Our struggles may differ and we may respond differently, but let us be educated to help encourage others by listening without judgment and encourage individuals to seek professional assistance when needed. The myth is real until it is challenged and then change can manifest.

Dennis, K N. (2015). Debunking myths about mental illness among Blacks. Scholars Strategy Network.