

GROWTH/EDUCATION - Pastor Bob McAndrews

The Apprentice Series

Please read chapter 12, the last chapter in our book, "Living in The Kingdom Day by Day." Our soul-training practice for the week is to live a day devotionally. You may want to observe this practice for several days, so read this week's chapter early and give yourself time to try it.



The End of Time *February 19 and 26*

Is this the year, 2012, that the world as we know it will come to an end? There has been much worldwide attention and speculation that this is in fact our world's end as based on what some would say is predicted by the Mayan civilization's calendar. Our own Dr. Bell, professor of History at Hope College, will continue exploring this controversy with us today in the second of three sessions entitled "The End of Time."

What a timely topic of discussion as certainly many have been thinking and writing about our world's unstable times of war and national unrest, drastic weather changes to our climate, possible world-wide financial collapse. Could this be the end? Come and find out what Dr. Bell has to share. Session 2 will examine some notable claims about the end during the Middle Ages and early modern era. Then session 3 will look at some of the most recent claims including the notion of the Rapture and the Mayan calendar controversy.

Will we still be here beyond the year 2012? Today and next Sunday, February 26, you may choose to attend from 9:45 - 10:45 AM or 11:00 AM - noon, in our Genesis Room. This is one class you will not want to miss!

Women's Summit

Women's Summit is coming to Community Church, Saturday, March 17, from 8 AM to noon, concluding with a luncheon. Mark this date now as you will not want to miss the wonderful selection of guest speakers, audio visuals, music, fun and fellowship. This special day is being planned just for you! Bring your daughter(s), bring a friend, bring a co-worker; but whatever you do, do not miss out on a time to take care of yourself for a change!

DISCIPLESHIP & SMALL GROUPS

Tuesdays

Tuesday Small Group - Tuesdays, at 4:00 PM, in our library, for a study of *Hebrews* using Max Lucado's Life Lessons study guide and our Bibles. Nancy Nauta facilitates.

Thursdays

Sisters Discussion Group - meets 12:30 to 1:45 PM, in our Library. All women are welcome to join this group. We will resume on **March 1**.

Men's Bible Discussion Group - 12:30 PM, in our Counseling Room. Join Pastor Dan as we explore the Bible passage that will be the basis for next Sunday's sermon.

Other

Couples Discussion Group - Meets at 6:30 PM, on the third Sunday of the month for fellowship and dessert. Call Charlie or Edith Hancock at 269-543-4397.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Kid Connection

"Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves." Romans 12:10 NirV

Our February Bible memory verse from the book of Romans is helping us focus on another virtue: Honor. In Kid Connection, we are learning to define honor as letting someone know you see how valuable they really are not because of what they do but because God created each one of us in His image.

Our focus this week is to honor those who are in charge of us. God has a big plan for us and that includes having people over us. If instead of honoring them we choose to rebel and show dishonor, it usually doesn't turn out well and people get hurt.

Today we will learn more about King David, his son Absalom and what can happen when we dishonor those who have authority over us as told in 2 Samuel. It is our job to help make everyone feel like they are valuable. We can do this by living out our Bible memory verse.

Be sure to come to Kid Connection and have fun together learning and growing!

9:45 AM PS - 5th: in Room 10 with Diana Robertson with Angela Smit
11:15 AM PS - 5th: in Room 10 with Diana Robertson with Assistant

Volunteer Assistants

If you are able to give an hour of your time with the youngest of our congregation, volunteers are needed to help in Kid Connection and Nursery, especially during our 11:15am service. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Nauta in our church office, or sign up in either foyer.



Nursery Ministry - Serving in our Nursery today are:
9:45 AM - Connie Fairbanks with Jaimie Church
11:15 AM - Connie Fairbanks with Carol Gunneman

YOUTH MINISTRY

BOYS SMALL GROUP will meet this week Wednesday, February 22, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

SPRINGHILL WINTER TEEN RETREATS



Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14 (TNIV)

SpringHill's Winter Teen Retreats have been life changing adventures! This year's theme, **EN ROUTE**, brought to life key truths from Philippians 3:13-14 and gave students direction as they navigate a difficult world.

Thank you to the students, their families and our congregation for your support in providing retreat opportunities for 21 youth! Watch for more photos and feedback in our upcoming *Communicator*.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ **Kid Connection Assistant** - volunteers are needed to assist our Kid Connection Teacher, especially during 11:15am services. Please indicate in the Friendship Register if you are willing to occasionally give an hour of your time offering an extra pair of hands helping this young group learn and grow.
- ♦ **Nursery Assistant** - volunteers are needed to assist our Nursery Supervisors during 9:45am and 11:15am services. No diaper changing. Do you love rocking babies or playing with toddlers? Please indicate in the Friendship Register if you are able to occasionally give an hour of your time in ministry with the youngest of our congregation.
- ♦ **Ushers** are among the first to offer a welcome to our church home on Sundays with a warm greeting along with our bulletin. Their assistance during offering time and help with questions are a vital part of our worship experience. If you would like to serve in this ministry, please indicate your interest by writing "usher" with your name in the Friendship Register. Brief, uncomplicated training is available. Ushers are asked to serve about once every month or six weeks.
- ♦ **Greeters** are asked to serve one Sunday service, every three to six months. Their welcoming smiles and handshakes tell each one arriving on Sunday that we are glad they are here to worship with us. Please indicate your interest in participating in this ministry by noting "greeter" with your name in the Friendship Register.

HEALTH MINISTRY - Beckie Haddock, Parish Nurse

COMMUNITY CHURCH CRAFT DAY - this Saturday, February 25, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in our Social Room.

Please come and join family, friends and fellow crafters for a day of fun enjoying the craft that you love most. No matter what your craft is - everyone is welcome. Our Health Advisory Committee will provide a pizza luncheon. We ask that those who sign up bring a small dish to pass.

In addition, a representative from a popular scrapbooking company will be bringing card making supplies for you to make as many cards as you desire - from birthday, Christmas, sympathy, to just saying "Hi." So come and make all your cards for all of this year's events.

HEALING SHAWL - Our next meeting is **February 29**, at 1:00 PM in our church Library. If you would like to pick up yarn or a pattern you can join us then or stop in our church office Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and someone will be happy to help you.

CARE CORNER - Pastors Dennis J. DeWitt and Bob McAndrews

Alan Wightman is undergoing treatment. **Joyce Plummer** has returned home following surgery.

Continued prayers for: anyone serving in the military, Everett Banker (Hospice care), Ken and Beth Somers, Maria Sanchez.

If you, a family member or a friend need prayers, email your request to prayers@ccofdouglas.org. The same day, over 95 Community Church email prayer partners will have your request and respond in prayer. If you are willing to pray for others and wish to join this ministry, simply send an email to the above address.



Our annual Chili Cookoff will be held on Sunday, March 11, immediately following the Gathering worship service at 11:00 AM in our Community Life Center. Create your own best chili recipe and enter a pot for your chance to be Chili King or Queen for the day! There will be some taste testing allowing you to sample various chilies and vote for your favorite one. Then enjoy a bowl of chili for lunch with your family and friends. Winners for the top three most popular voted chilies will be announced at the conclusion of the event. (Cooks, please sign up in the friendship register to help us plan this fun wintertime event.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, February 21
 4:00 PM Tuesday Small Group - Library
 6:30 PM Apprentice Series - Counseling Room

Wednesday, February 22
 6:00 PM Fourth Wednesday Dinner - Social Room
 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Room
 7:30 PM Boys Small Group - Youth Room

Thursday, February 23
 12:30 PM Sisters Discussion Group - Will NOT meet
 12:30 PM Men's Bible Discussion - Counseling Room
 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice - Community Life Center

Saturday, February 25
 10:00 AM Community Church Craft Day - Social Room

OUR STATISTICAL REPORT

	Last Week			Year to Date		
	Needed	Received	%	Needed	Received	%
General Budget	14,096	6,710	48	98,672	51,892	53
Missions		567			4,132	
<i>Our Dream Lives On</i> (additional principal reduction)	1,385	626	45	9,695	9,707	100

Endowment Fund, current balance: \$3,255
 Myrtle Atwood Music Endowment, current balance: \$4,380

Cost of 2002 expansion	5,000,000	
Original Mortgage	3,738,543	Total Attendance
Applied to principal thru 1/2012	1,355,618	Last Sunday = 245
Current debt	2,382,925	
Annual mortgage obligation (2012)	230,040	

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Cornerstone University Theatre has a family friendly upcoming production...
The Sound of Music - Everybody's all time favorite musical! March 29, 30 and 31, April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 at 7:30 PM, and April 1, 15, 21 and 22 at 2:30 PM.
 You can reserve your seats now at www.cornerstone.edu/theatre or by calling the ticket sales coordinator at 616-516-0000.

Community Church was founded in 1965 by a group of Christians who came from a variety of religious backgrounds seeking to worship and serve God in unity. They were determined to minimize denominational differences that too often divide believers, and to focus on the central Christian message that brings people together.



We believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, revealed in Holy Scripture, and sent into the world to show us the love of God. We do not insist upon total agreement regarding the fine points of Biblical interpretation. We would rather be strengthened by the healthy exchange of ideas that represent our Christian diversity.

We have been "Gathered By The Cross" through the work of the Holy Spirit to worship and serve in faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

O God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. Make the door of this church the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen. (Thomas Ken, 1637-1711)

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February 19, 2012

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

Nursery (infants - age 3) 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM

- 8:30 AM** Traditional Worship, in our Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM** *The Gathering* (Contemporary Worship) in our Community Life Center
- Kid Connection**
Pre-K through 5th Grade
 (See inside for more information)
- The End of Times**, in the Genesis Room
- 11:00 AM** **The End of Times**, in the Genesis Room
- 11:15 AM** Traditional Worship, in our Sanctuary
- Kid Connection**
Pre-K through 5th Grade
 (See inside for more information)
- 12:30 PM** **Missions Advisory Committee**, in our Conference Room

Coming Up:
 February 22 Fourth Wednesday Dinner
 Ash Wednesday Service
 February 25 Community Church Craft Day
 February 29 Healing Shawl Meeting

Welcome!

If you are a new visitor, we would like to welcome you with a gift. Please fill out the green Connection Card found in your pew or the Friendship Register, and bring your card to the Information Center. We would like to say hello with a gift and answer your questions.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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NEW Office Hours
Monday through Thursday - 8 AM to 5 PM