

# THE CUP



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CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*



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## From the Pastor's Desk...

OCTOBER 2017

Dear Cup Church family and friends,

What's the best news you've ever heard?

For me, it was hearing a 'yes!' to the breathless question, 'Will you marry me?' There are other items of news about my family that would also be considered great news –

'Mother and baby are doing fine!' 'Nothing broken – only stitches!' and so on. For me, like many of us, news tied to people I love and care about is especially important.

Here at Cup we're offering to share the best news ever heard through a Sunday evening growth group opportunity called '*Christianity Explored*'. Some of you may remember that we offered this two years ago, and the feedback was so positive that we've decided to offer it again. We'll gather for a simple dinner together at 6:30 in fellowship hall, start up the video in the Bartholomew Room (upstairs in the education wing) around 7:15, and will wrap things up by 8:30. The course will run 8 weeks. Christianity Explored is an attractive, understandable walk through the first written and shortest of the accounts on Jesus' life – the Gospel of Mark. Mark has been used for centuries as the gateway for those interested in learning more about Jesus and Christianity. The plot moves quickly, the action is compelling, and the opening and closing of the book are unforgettable.

In fact, Mark begins his whole account this way: '*The beginning of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*' 'Gospel' literally means 'good news,' news along the lines of 'war is over!' or 'you've won the lottery!' As the account unfolds, however, it's difficult to see how Jesus is going to effectively communicate this great message. His power is evident, but it is often met with misunderstanding and even fear. Jesus also tells many people after a spectacular encounter with him to not tell anyone what has happened! While many people over the years have read Mark's gospel on their own and come to trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, many others have found that it's helpful to read the account with others, particularly those who have studied it for a number of years.

Christianity Explored uses 12-15 minute videos with a British host named Rico Tice to set the stage of what's happening in the text in an understandable and relevant way, but once that is done, we've provided the opportunity to ask our own questions and come to our own conclusions about what Mark says about this Jesus. I believe this 8 week course is one of the best ways yet developed to help our friends and family members who are not yet followers of Jesus to consider his claims and what it means for them. The combination of food, fellowship, presentation, and of course the good news of the message itself is irresistible for many. If you have never tried a growth group, or if you have a friend or family member who you've been praying for, or if you just want to check Jesus out for yourself, I encourage you to come along! Our organizational gathering is *Sunday, October 1*, but people can join up easily through the first couple of weeks. Hope to see you there!

Blessings,  
Pastor Scott

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**NEW AT CUP  
HOLY YOGA  
FRIDAY MORNINGS  
9:00—10:00am**

Christ centered yoga, combining yoga postures and breath work with meditation on scripture for a time of worship, praise and connection to Christ.

All are welcome, experienced or new.  
Cost \$8.



**SHINE—WEDNESDAYS**

at 3:30pm  
with Family Dinner  
following at 6:00pm

October 15—SHINE Sunday  
6th-8th Grade Drama

**REFORMATION DAY SERVICE**  
(to commemorate the 500th Anniversary  
of Martin Luther's posting of  
the 95 theses)

October 22nd at 6:30pm

GENEVA COLLEGE

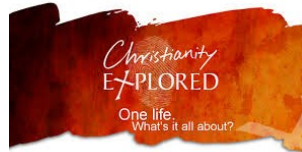
Dr. Byron Curtis / Preaching

**Important Pro-Life Community Event**

**BEAVER LIFE CHAIN**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST FROM 2:30-3:30pm**  
**Third Street, Downtown Beaver**

**Offering silent Prayer for an end to abortion  
and all threats to human life**



**'CHRISTIANITY  
EXPLORED'**

**SUNDAYS —7:00pm**  
**IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM**

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 1st**

**WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?**  
Christianity Explored is a way of sharing the best news  
ever heard, and gives people space and time to think  
about the big questions of life.

**'FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS' —SPONSORED  
BY BOSCOV'S (FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT CUP)**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 17TH 9AM -11PM**

**\$5. SHOPPING PASS**

**25% DISCOUNT TO SHOP ALL DAY FOR APPARELL,  
CANDY, SHOES, JEWELRY AND MORE  
(IN ADDITION TO SALE PRICES)**

**15% OFF COSMETICS, FRAGRANCES, HOUSEWARES,  
HOME DÉCOR, AND LUGGAGE**

**10% OFF SMALL APPLANCES, RUGS AND TOYS**

**Weekly Meetings...**

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study**

Tuesday 3:00pm **Youth Small Groups** (Girls @ the Manse)

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (October 11th)

**Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group** 9:00am

**Mom's Group** 9:45am / 3:00pm **Youth Small Groups** (Boys in the Youth Room)

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (October 19th @ Ree's/New Brighton)

**Saturday Morning Men's Group** 7:30am @ Eat n' Park



**PRAY!**

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Star Struck** by Dr. David Bradstreet and Steve Rabey is a new book that will be on our shelves soon. As it's subtitle, "Seeing the creator in the wonders of our cosmos" suggests, this book can enable us to join other Christians in exploring God's handiwork. We live in a time of exciting astronomical discovery and exploration. With this book the authors take us on a journey to explore the stars, asteroids, galaxies, nebula, black holes and other cosmic displays that have been discovered. "Star Struck" is the story of people seeking to better understand the Creator's character by studying his two sources of communication to us—scripture and nature. Bradstreet introduces us to other men and women of faith who study newborn stars, search for earthlike planets, and who experience the wonder and awe of exploring our elegant cosmos. The book can help readers better understand new developments and better appreciate the majesty and mystery of the God who created and still sustains us, and the cosmos as a whole.

David Bradstreet is an award winning professor, author, and astronomer who has been teaching students at Eastern University since 1976. At Eastern he serves as professor and chair of the Astronomy and Physics Department and as director of the Bradstreet Observatory and Fowler Planetarium. He earned his PhD in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of Pennsylvania and has worked with NASA, and the National Science Foundation. Steve Rabey is the award winning author of more than 40 books. He has an MA in church history at Denver Seminary and has taught at Denver and Fuller seminaries as well as the US Air Force Academy.

Come and check out what we have to offer in the CUP Library.

### OCTOBER Calendar

<u>October 1</u>	12:00pm Confirmation Parents Mtg. 7:00pm Christianity Explored Begins
<u>October 3</u>	7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
<u>October 10</u>	5:45pm DEACONS
<u>October 11</u>	1:00pm Game Day
<u>October 15</u>	SHINE SUNDAY
<u>October 17</u>	7:00pm SESSION
<u>October 19</u>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Ree's / New Brighton
<u>October 21</u>	9:00pm EPC Training/Mt. Lebanon
<u>October 29</u>	Confirmation Caving Trip
<u>Every Monday</u>	1:00pm Adult Bible Study
<u>Every Tuesday</u>	3:00pm Youth Girls Small Groups @ Manse
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm
<u>Every Thursday</u>	9:00am Women's Small Group 9:45am Mom's Group in Youth Room 3:00pm Youth Boys Group in Youth Room 7:00pm Choir Practice
<u>Every Saturday</u>	7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Eat-n-Park
<u>Every Sunday</u>	5:00pm Confirmation Class (begins 10/22) 7:00pm Crosscurrent Christianity Explored (begins 10/1)

### NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 22nd from 5:00-6:30pm

The Caving Trip is scheduled  
Sunday October 29th - leave  
Church following Worship

There will be a Meeting for  
Confirmation Parents following  
Worship on Sunday October 1st

*Jesus calls us to stand  
with others as if we  
were in their place.*





Welcome back to SCHOOL,

Ok I still can't believe summer is over. How did that happen? I guess it was all the fun we were having made the time fly. I have to say we are back into the full swing of School, Work, SHINE, Youth Group, Small Groups and Sunday School. Amidst all the chaos of rushing I am also seeing God in full swing working with in our community and mostly with our youth!

Our youth recently attended Ignition. A gathering of youth in the Pittsburgh Area to get pumped up about "SYATP" (see you at the pole) that just took place on Wednesday September 27th. I witnessed at both Blackhawk and Highland students gather around hands held together and prayers spoken out. What a beautiful sight to see. Songs of worship were lifted and faces were shining with the light of Christ. Glorious!!! Our Youth are awesome CUP Church. I pray you get to know them and see just how much they Love Jesus!!!



SHINE is back in full swing. We have currently 43 registered Shine Kiddos. Many new faces and a lot of returning friends. Its going to be an awesome year!!! Our Frist Shine Sunday will be October 15th. I hope all will join us in Worship that day!



**VOLUNTEERS!** If you are interested in helping with children and youth in any capacity please see me! Lets see where we can plug you in! We love our volunteers!

As always I ask you please continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! God is doing a mighty work here in our area. Keep the prayers mighty and constant!!!

Your sister in Christ,

*Joel Cunniff*

CUP Children and Youth Director

"These are written that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Messiah the Son of God..."

John 20:31

