

THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



From the Pastor's Desk...

OCTOBER 2018

Dear Cup family and friends,

On the edge of World War 2, a Swiss pastor wrote a series of brief talks for his teenage sons about 'Our Faith.' The pastor was Emil Brunner, and the book that sprang from these talks became a classic. In his introduction, Brunner writes:

'Humanity in our time suffers from chronic under-nourishment of its soul. It is not sufficient help merely to print and sell copies of the Bible; not sufficient help, even, if (people) read it. The Bible can nourish us only if it is understood and personally appropriated as God's own Word. But for many- whatever the cause may be – the Bible is indigestible; it does not speak their need. Such people seek, therefore, an interpreter to translate the great, difficult, strange words of the Bible into the familiar language of daily life. The performance of this task, in my opinion, is the true service of theology – to think through the message of God's work in Jesus Christ – think it through so long and so thoroughly that it can be spoken simply and intelligibly to everyone in the language of his (or her) time.'

To pass on the faith of a relationship with God through Jesus Christ 'simply and intelligibly' is the task of every generation. Over the years, I have often reflected that the teaching we give our young men and women in confirmation is often needed by others as well. As a result, we will be taking a several month journey together through the great covenants and events of the Scriptures, learning about our great God's character and how He calls to us. To know who we are, whose we are, and why we are here is to provide joy and meaning to all of our lives. While I can't take all of you caving or white water rafting with our class, I am very excited to bring you along the pathways of the Creation, Fall, and Redemption story found in Scripture. Make sure you join us – and bring a friend along!

Cordially,

Pastor Scott



Cup Church Welcomes New Members

Several of you have asked to know more about the fine group we welcomed into church membership on September 30. While we don't have pictures (yet!), here's a little more about our newest parishioners.

Robbi Beardmore had a grandfather who was a Presbyterian pastor, and that helped him make the happy decision to try out Cup when he started looking for a church home. Robbie enjoys golf and has coached baseball (boys) and softball (girls) in years past.

Collin McCowin first became acquainted with the church when he started dating Alexis Graham (way back in Middle School!) They were married at Cup last year. Collin works for Medserv Plus, the family business, and is the grandson of Larry and Joan McCowin. Between Larry, Joan, and Alexis, Collin had no choice but to become a part of the Cup family!

Brian and Christie O'Roark come to Cup through their three daughters Emily, Katie, and Maggie, who have been active in the Shine program for several years, and are now active in the Crosscurrent youth group. Brian and Christie met as students at Grove City. They have been involved in churches in Virginia as well as locally. Brian is a professor at Robert Morris, and Christie has worked as a Physician's Assistant.

Tammy Popham grew up at Knox Presbyterian in Ellwood City. She currently works at HVHS as a Radiologic Technologist. She has sung in the choir in years past, and enjoys gardening, crafts, hiking and cooking.

Chuck and Melissa Ziegler also came to Cup church through their son Josh's involvement in the Shine program, and now Crosscurrent. They also have a daughter, Gabrielle, who attends IUP. Chuck works as a Civil Engineer in Cranberry, and Melissa is currently serving on the Blackhawk School Board.

We're looking forward to seeing how the Lord will bless and offer blessings through each of his followers at CUP Church!

CUP Library News

Here is a list of some of the books that have recently been added to our library at Cup.

Believing God - by Beth Moore

Everyday Apocalypse - by David Dark

Changing the Face of Hunger - Tony Hall

The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment-Tim Challies

In the Heart of the World - by Mother Teresa

The Power of a Praying Parent - by Stormie Omartian

Love Does - by Bob Goff

Engaging God's World- by Cornelius Plantinga Jr.

Hipster Christianity- by Brett McCracken

Preparing for Adolescence - by Dr. James Dobson

Jesus + Nothing = Everything - by Tullian Tchividjian

A Compact Guide to the Christian Life - K.C. Hinckley

Prayer That Has Power to Change Your Life - David McLaughlin

Teach Us to Want - by Jen Pollock Michel

Killing Fields Living Fields- by Don Cormack

Pray - by Tony Jones

The Case for a Creator - by Lee Strobel

Sex and the Soul - by Donna Freitas

Saint Paul Returns to the Movies- Robert Jewett

The Journey - by Billy Graham

The Minister's Restoration - George MacDonald

Questions of Life - by Nicky Gumbel

Christian Liberty - by Rex Rogers

God and the Constitution - by Paul Marshall

Finding God in the Movies - Catherine Barsotti

And in the Youth/Teen section we have some new titles also, they are the following books.

Jesus Freaks - by dc Talk (Toby McKeehan, Michael Tait and Kevin Max) and *The Voice of the Martyrs*

The Ten Commandments of Dating - by Ben Young

Every Young Man's Battle - Stephen Arterburn

101 Amazing Things God Thinks About You

The Teen Devotional Bible (NIV)

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study**

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (October 10)

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

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (October 18 @ Yolanda's)

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

God accepts us as we are, and changes us as we serve Him in love.

OCTOBER Calendar

October 2 5:45pm DEACONS
7:00pm WORSHIP
7:30pm TRUSTEES

October 10 1:00pm Game Day

October 16 5:00pm SHINE Kitchen Crew
Cooking for Crossroads Shelter
7:00pm SESSION

October 18 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Yolanda's

NOVEMBER Calendar

November 6 5:45pm DEACONS
7:00pm WORSHIP
7:30pm TRUSTEES

November 14 1:00pm Game Day

November 15 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ 19th Hole

November 16-17 ALL CHURCH RETREAT

November 20 9:00am SHINE Rehearsal
7:00pm Thanksgiving Service

November 22-23 OFFICE CLOSED

November 27 7:00pm SESSION

Every Monday 1:00pm Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday 3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm
(NO SHINE DINNER 10/31, NO SHINE 11/21)

Every Thursday 9:00am Women's Small Group
7:00pm Choir Practice

Every Saturday 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Eat-n-Park

Every Sunday 5:00pm Confirmation Class
(NO Class 11/18, 11/25)
6:30pm Crosscurrent (No Group 11/25)

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Camp Frederick
2996 Millrock Rd.
Rogers, Ohio

**FRIDAY NOV. 16th—
SATURDAY NOV. 17th**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:
DAVE AND JULIE BIANCHIN**

Cost \$60. per person will include:
Dinner on Friday (5:30pm), Breakfast (8:30am) & Lunch (Noon) on Saturday in the private Lodge, Speakers, and overnight sleeping (2 rooms for men & women -bunk beds)

Children are encouraged to attend. Children under 5 are free. Children & Youth under 16 will only be \$15. each (to help cover food expenses).

Dave is currently a visitation and teaching pastor at Christ Church in Oak Brook, IL. Julie is a public school teacher in the Downers Grove area. Dave will also preach at the November 18 service at Cup.

Sign up sheets for registration will be made available through October 31st. Money will be due November 4th.

GOD PROVIDES FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS PEOPLE



UPCOMING SHINE SUNDAYS

OCTOBER 14th

NOVEMBER 4th



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

**NOVEMBER 20th
at 7:00pm**



Happy Fall Ya'll!

Another year of fun has begun! We have had a lot happen in the past few months with Children and Youth at CUP Church. We have already kicked off our year in the redone Youth Room. It feels great in there!! We attended Ignition last month in preparation for "See You at the Pole" which was a great success. We had many High School and Middle Schoolers attend. They gathered around the flag pole of their school to pray for their teachers, friends and school year ahead. As always my heart is on fire when I hear these kids prayers! God hears them and He is working more then we can imagine in their lives. Our Sunday nights are being spent diving into the Bible and we are excited to keep learning together! Confirmation kicked off with a class of 9 confirmands who are so excited to begin this journey with Pastor Scott. Please keep them in your prayers!



SHINE has kicked off our 9th season on September 19th. We currently have 39 smiling faces which includes 8 new families. We have great leaders including a few newbies as well! We are off to a great start! We have our first SHINE Sunday on October 14th. Its going to be a great year!

As always I ask you please continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! There are many great things happening!

Your sister in Christ,
Joel Cunniff
CUP Children and Youth Director



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16