



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



From the Pastor's Desk...

MAY 2020

Dear Cup family and friends,

'How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity!' (Psalm 133:1)

This psalm was a part of the song of ascents that the Hebrew people would use to sustain themselves on the tough road from Jericho to Jerusalem on the way to celebrating the Passover feast as a nation. The togetherness and encouragement we receive from corporate worship has been one of the toughest things for me to do without during this period of lock-down that we've been going through. Our Session continues to evaluate the best way for us to sustain our corporate life together. We've been learning more about Zoom meetings and sound mixing than we ever thought would be necessary! There are many people, such as Doug Cline, Russ Ewing, Dan Cox, Pat Shawgo, and the various members of the Cup praise team that deserve a hearty round of thanks for the many hours of work they have been putting in each week creating, taping, mixing and editing the worship service.

In addition, we have been offering some new things online to do what we can to keep our life together going. I have been offering several short scripture meditations tied to challenges and opportunities the stay-at-home situation has brought to us, and linked a song or two each day to these. You can find these at the church website under 'posts' and 'devotionals (video)'.

Next, we have begun offering short interviews of our staff and current session members. Some of these questions are light-hearted: what's Jud Herter's favorite ice cream? Who from history would Brian O'Roark invite over for dinner? Some a little more serious: how did some of our elders come to faith, and what is God teaching them currently? Since we aren't able to ask these questions over coffee in fellowship hall, we'll just have to do so over the internet. But I hope these 'get to know you' videos will encourage us to make some calls or send some notes to each other across our family of faith in the days ahead, so we will continue to 'spur one another on toward love and good deeds.' (Hebrews 10:24-25)

We love you all so much, and can't wait to see you in person! As a staff and session, we are hoping that day is soon – please stay posted in our efforts toward that end. Until that day, may the Lord bless and keep each and every one of you!

Cordially,
Pastor Scott

During this time of social distancing and quarantine brain teasers have become all the rage on social media with new ones popping up almost daily. So let's have a little fun ourselves! Identify the saying in each box above. For example: the answer to number 18 is Big Bird! When you think you have them all correct, email your answers to office@cupepc.org! Good luck!



IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Cup Church has a Prayer Chain set up for anyone in need throughout the week or anyone having a prayer request. Please call Jenn during Office hours (Tuesday—Friday 9:00am—2:00pm) at 724-843-1594. Jenn is working from home and periodically checking messages throughout the day. For URGENT prayer requests, please call Jenn on her cell phone at 724-624-4094. If you cannot reach Jenn, you can also contact Scott or Joel to start the prayer chain.

Also, we are available if you would like to set up a more convenient time to pray together over the phone with a member of our prayer team or one of our elders.

Please remember that all prayer requests will remain confidential unless we are given permission to publically share!



'She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.'

(Proverbs 31:26-28)



Cup Library News

Hello everyone,

Some of you may not be aware but our church library has many good DVD's that are available for check-out. The following are examples of some of the possible choices.

PAUL THE EMISSARY— A 54 minute video that tells the story of the man whose life changed the ancient world and still confronts our world today.

FACING GIANTS – This full-length movie tells the story of a high school football coach who is challenged to trust in the power of faith.

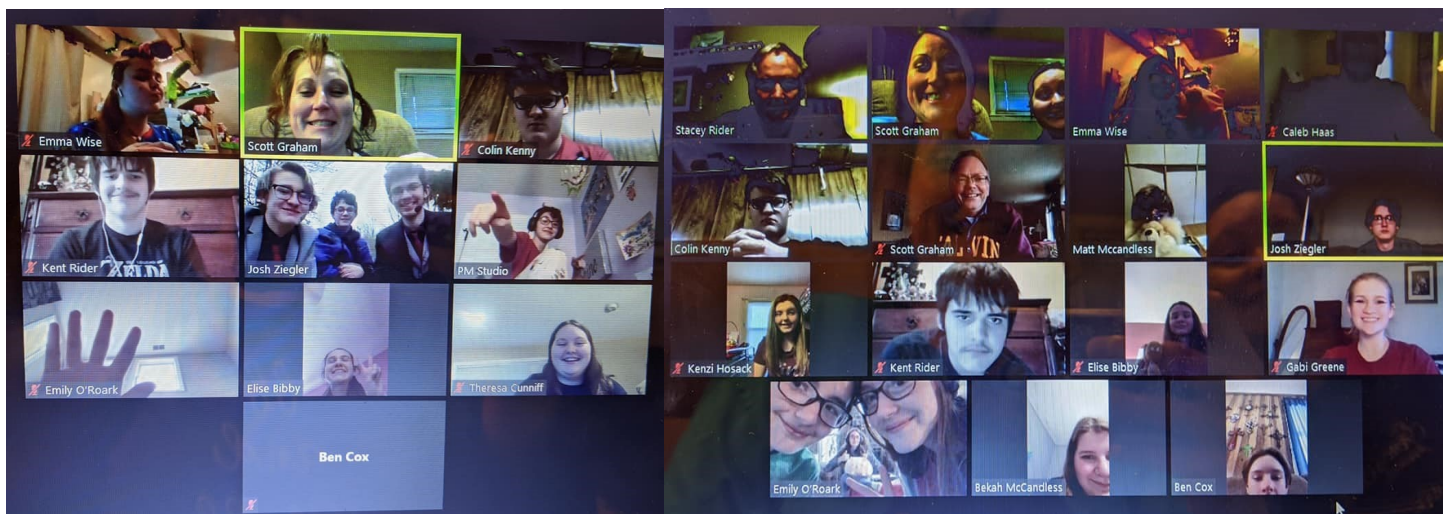
FIREPROOF – Starring Kirk Cameron this film is an entertaining reminder of what it takes to win in marriage.

COURAGEOUS – This 129 minute movie is from the creators of “Fireproof” and “Facing the Giants”.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE- Starring Dennis Quaid and Trace Atkins, here is the story behind the well known song.

RISEN – Columbia Pictures presents this epic Biblical story told through the eyes of an unbeliever.

Paula Keefer, Cup Librarian



We Press Forward.

Friends its been weeks since we gathered as a body of Christ in person. I miss my “people”!! We are adjusting but when we an worship and play together again it will be a glorious day! Until then I am excited that we have opportunities to still connect and learn and grow together! The youth have finished the Philippians Series we had been working through! YAY! We started into 1 Peter and are moving ahead! Currently all gathering activities are postponed until further notice. Until then we will continue to meet on Sunday’s via ZOOM.

Our Shine families are missed but we are still connected! Praying for them all until we can sing and play together again!

Mini’s Youth Group is currently meeting Tuesday via Zoom as well. We are continuing our Series G2R - Genesis to Revelations. Have a kiddo currently in 4-6th grade they are welcome to join us! Contact me for more info!

Lots of our fun has been cancelled or postponed but I will tell you this one amazing thing... God NEVER is cancelled and he is never postponed to us! He is EVER PRESENT 24/7. Lean on him through this time and get your bibles out and “hear” his words! I miss my CUP family and I can NOT wait till we can meet again in worship!! Until then I lift you in pray for health and safety! Good is God friends!! ALL THE TIME!!

Blessings to you all! I can’t wait to worship next to you in church again!

Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cunniff

CUP Children and Youth Director

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.”

Psalm 143:10

