



From the Pastor's Desk...

SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Cup family and friends,

Today I came across this: 'So far, 2020 is like looking both ways before crossing the street and getting hit by an airplane.' I don't think I'd necessarily disagree! Just when we think our daily lives can't get any more challenging, another one comes along. Pandemic, racial and police tension followed with urban violence and looting for weeks on end, the worst start to the hurricane season in the US on record, wrangling over the best way to provide education to our children at every age level. . . I'd ask 'what could possibly be next?' but I know we have a presidential election coming up!

When we are faced with challenges that leave us feeling emotionally spent, we have a couple of choices: we can either give into the fear or anger that has brought us to this point, or we can lean into the 'fear' of the One who has inexhaustible resources. What do I mean?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

The book of Proverbs is far more than snippets of good advice along the lines of Ben Franklin's almanac, although it certainly contains that. It is a handbook designed to help those entering into leadership with a guide, used with a group of older, wiser mentors to prepare for the people and the challenges they would face. Proverbs also reminds us of the strong and steady presence of the Lord, who is the judge and provider in all circumstances.

Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 14:26

This year has stretched all of us past our normal breaking points. A good dose of practical advice on living with the people around us would go a long way! We'll be spending some time this fall with the book of Proverbs, and I hope you'll join us not only for this, but for our Sunday School class on 'Christianity and Politics', as well as taking the step of joining a small group. It's in our community of faith in God that we will find the strength we need to overcome the fears of this world with the fear of the Lord!

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:27

Blessings,

Pastor Scott



The Adult/High School Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 13th at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor Scott Graham and Ruling Elder Brian O’Roark for the continuation of the series, ‘The Donkey, the Elephant, and the Lamb’. The series will continue for nine weeks and wrap up around November 8th. Topics to be covered include:

- September 13th Immigration
- September 20th The Environment
- September 27th Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Other topics on dates TBD include: Free Speech, Income Inequality, Right to Life, LGBTQ Issues, God and Country, The Election is Over: Now What?



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Father God, as our children prepare to start a new school year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and hope be their compass towards a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love. Let them face each day with positivity. Please bless and keep safe every student, teacher, and administrator as they navigate this school year. Amen.

SEPTEMBER Calendar

<u>September 1</u>	5:45pm DEACONS
<u>September 12</u>	7:00pm WORSHIP Committee
<u>September 14</u>	Time TBD TRUSTEES Work Day
<u>September 15</u>	7:00pm TRUSTEES
<u>September 17</u>	7:00PM SESSION
<u>September 18</u>	11:30am General Assembly Online
<u>September 20</u>	11:30am General Assembly Online
<u>September 23</u>	6:00pm Crosscurrent GROW
<u>September 30</u>	6:00pm Crosscurrent IGNITION
	6:45am See You at the Pole
	Ministerial Committee Meeting

Weekly Meetings...

Tuesday Evening 6:00pm (ZOOM)
Mini's Youth Group (starts 9/22)

Thursday Morning 8:30am
Prayer with the Pastor - FB LIVE

Thursday Morning 9:00am (ZOOM)
Women's Small Group (starts 9/17)

Thursday Afternoon 3:00pm
Youth Bible Study (starts 9/17)

Saturday Morning 7:30am
Men's Group @ Eat 'n Park (starts 9/26)

Sunday Evening 6:00pm
Crosscurrent Youth Group (starts 9/27)



Join us for a MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Third Tuesday of the Month
 (starting 10/20)

1:00pm

At the home of
 Dorothy Tihanovich

Questions? Contact
 Laura Crawford
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CUP LIBRARY NEWS

Rachel Scott was an average teenager growing up in the Denver Colorado area in the 1990s. She was a young Christian believer who although she was sometimes ridiculed by fellow students, and struggled with the kind of issues any teen faces including doubts about her faith she stayed true to God. Then on April 20, 1999 she was killed at Columbine High School while continuing to affirm her faith to fellow students.

The book "Rachel's Tears" was written by her parents Beth Nimmo and Darrell Scott along with Steve Rabey and will soon be on our shelves in the Cup Church library in the youth section. It is hard to believe that this tragedy occurred more than twenty years ago but Rachel's story still has an impact today. The book contains first person narratives, journal entries, drawings from Rachel's diary and alternating viewpoints from both of her parents. Her parents want the world to hear her story and challenge the readers to create a revolution of compassion that can make a real difference in our troubled world.

This and many other great books and videos are available anytime the church is open. Come check it out!

Paula Keefer, CUP Librarian



Schools back in session!!

Although school is back to “full time” its looking different for most our kiddos and so are some activities at church. For one it is with great sadness that I inform you that we will NOT be having a Fall Shine Season this year. Per the parent survey and the way the world is right now we have found it best to wait. We are hopeful that by January the world might be in a better place and we can have a more “normal” Shine! Please know we miss all our Shine Families terribly and we are praying for you always!!

Crosscurrent is still meeting and we will kick off our Fall Semester September 18th with our annual (better late than never) move up night “GROW”. Invites have been mailed if you didn’t receive one please contact Ms. Joel for more details! Don’t forget Thursday Zoom Small Group at 3pm kicking back off on September 17th. Cup Church and Crosscurrent youth are looking forward to hosting Ignition September 20th as we kick off the See you at the pole 2020. I invite you to pray for and with the students on September 23rd as they pray for their school and classmates! Many amazing and great things are happening please continue to pray that the youth can see Christ in all that is around them!

Mini’s Youth Group, will kick off via zoom on September 22nd. Any kids entering 4-6th grade welcome to join us. Contact Ms. Joel for more information!

Praying daily for the CUP Church Family, our community and the world!

Blessings to you all!

Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cunniff

CUP Children and Youth Director

