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# CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR — FELLOWSHIP —

## *WEEKLY CONNECTION*

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*Join Us Every  
Sunday at 10:30am*

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# HOMeward BOUND



I love to travel and have been very fortunate to have lived and travelled many places around the globe. Some of these places were a quick visit; others was a lingering of up to 10 years. Each place was fascinating in the history, culture...the FOOD!! Oh my, there is so much goodness to be had on the road. Yet in all the travel there was one place I always resorted to ... *home*. Depending on where I was in the world there was a local "home" or base in which to function from. I found though, these places weren't the same as ... *home*!

Now, this may seem odd to say. These were places where I lived, stayed and rested but in all of this there remained an emptiness - something missing that I couldn't put my finger on. See, there was a heart call that I realized, a call of stillness, peace, gentleness, love ... rest! Where on the earth would that be?

Being a big outdoors person and having spent much time in the back country of the Canadian shield and in the wild west (west coast, that is), it was the smooth swept granite, windblown jack pines that really sung to my heart. So, after years on the road ... I came *home*!

Many people and characters we read about like home! Dorothy had to go through a considerable ordeal before she realized how much she missed her *home* and those around her (even the nagging). All she had to do AFTER she realized this was click her heels three times before being whisked away to her ... *home*. There are many (EPIC!) TV series today like Heartland and When Calls The Heart that display the goodness and craving of ... *home*!

Now I admit, not all homes are made equal and the contents (behaviours) of some are just unhealthy, to say the least. So what makes a good home, what are the characteristics (behaviours) of one that *make you want to go home?*

To be frank, it is where the LORD IS! It is a place where we can be at peace, where there is love, we can share joy, and we can be at rest. These are gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are from the Lord - peace, love, joy and rest in Him. We read about this in Galatians:

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...."*  
Galatians 5:22-23

It is this proclamation of God's goodness and character that we are sent forth into the nations to proclaim. We also know from the

Word of God that there is nothing good in man's heart. Throughout the Gospel we read this, as Mark states:

*"What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."*

Mark 7:20-23

WOW! that ...inside??!! *It doesn't seem like home nor any kind of home I would want to be around!!* That is the nature of the sinful brokenness of the human heart; the unchanged human heart. This is a stark contrast to where the presence of God, His Word in one's life, and the blessings of the gifts of the Holy Spirit all are.



We're all seeking a home and when we find it, we cherish it! I had conversations this week with people who have missed church, calling it their *home*. *Who miss and cherish God's house; the feeling and sense of being home* in their transformed hearts and His presence.

The Lord has gone before us to *prepare a home, our home, where those who believe and are called belong with Him*. We read this:

*"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*

*John 14:2-3*

I have also been in conversations this week where the adversary, the wickedness of the unchanged heart, and the "evil" things we read previously are flourishing. Fits of anger, rebellion, cursing and contrary to God.

In one situation, *their choice* to remove themselves from this life before the LORD calls them. We read this in the Bible:

*"a time to be born and a time to die"*  
Ecclesiastes 3:2

There is an appointed time for things and it is GOD that decides.

It is vital we understand the importance of God, His Word and the environment it creates. One is *home* abounding in His presence of love, peace, and joy where we can be at rest in our Lord Jesus. The other is a barren, haunted, devilish place as seen on those horror shows, acclimatized to the unchanged human heart.

I know what my heart calls *home*...resting in the promises and goodness of Lord our God Jesus Christ.

See you Sunday 10:30am - Who will you invite?

Pastor Bhawani

Missed

# Sunday?

- We gather at 10:30 am every Sunday at the church to worship, praise and hear the Word of God

Wondering what our Sunday services look like ?

- 10:30 ~10:50 worship & Praise
- 10:50 ~11:25 Sermon
- 11:25 ~ 11:40 worship & Praise
- Closing prayer



To view the most recent Sunday service from Christ Our Saviour Fellowship. please click on the link / image above.

To view the service archives please [click HERE](#)



# What's Happening at COSF?

## Upcoming Events & Services:

- Mother's Day - May 11th
- COSF Florida Service-  
"I AM...PATIENCE" June 7th
- Father's Day - June 15th
- Africa Revival and Crusade -  
Jul/Aug 2025 TBD
- COSF YOUTH - summer camp  
and Discipleship -coming soon







*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7*

**[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)**

We thank the Lord for ALL He has done and the magnificent labour that we are being led to do in His righteous name. COSF continues the programs that we have been led to offer along side regular Sunday services.

- International / Local missions & revival events
- Variety of classes and courses to strengthen God's people:
- Alpha film series, Alpha Youth, Conquer,
- Discipleship series, Mentorship-based Ministry Leadership Certificate



# You<sup>th</sup> Walk

Jacob Martins & Laura Morris

*"...God IS in control!"*





Hello everyone, welcome back to the Youth Walk. Laura and I wanted to take a moment today to talk about the ups and downs of life. Life can be a funny thing sometimes. One day, everything seems great. But then you wake up the next day or maybe over the course of a couple days and wonder how everything feels like it has fallen apart! You look back and ask yourself "How on earth did this happen! How did I get here?"

What do we do in these situations? Do we let ourselves feel defeated, discouraged and begin to doubt God? Or can we find encouragement in the Lord? Yes absolutely, we find encouragement and give thanks to God, as He has given us so many ways of doing that!

As I said last week, we can remember who God says He is, because His promises and words never fail. We can ask the Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter, to encourage and lead us through every situation (John 14:26). Also, we can speak with fellow believers who will point you back to the faithfulness of God in

ALL situations (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Finally, we can look back at a list of things God has already done in our lives, to remind ourselves that He is faithful (Psalm 105:5).

No matter what, have faith! Have faith and believe that Our Lord Jesus loves us and is able to provide for us in our time of need. All we must do is ask and wait for Him to answer (John 16:24). So be encouraged, for no matter the circumstance ... God is in control!

**STAY TUNED:**  
**COSF Youth Summer events, Studies and ...**  
**DISCIPLESHIP !!!**



# IN THE LIFE ....

**Noah Martins**

I have been speaking with a brother in Pakistan who's wife and daughter were sick. We have been praying fervently for them together and Praise God the Lord brought healing to them both! We continue to pray as he preaches to the Hindu population near his home that God would provide all things and keep him and his family safe!



We have been speaking with someone from Pakistan who had asked us if we had heard about the Jaranwala incident. We hadn't, so they shared it with us. In 2023, a Muslim mob accused two Christian men of desecrating the Quran leading to an attack on the Christian community. 26 Christian churches were set on fire or vandalized, Christian homes being looted/ destroyed/ burned, Bibles were desecrated and burned, and a Cross was toppled off of a Church steeple. They are still suffering this devastating persecution today, as they are unemployed and homeless, left with nothing. Their biggest concern in all this was the Word of our Lord and His house being desecrated and they are continually trusting in Him to restore. We continue to lift them up to the Lord, please keep them in your prayers.

**Emma Censori**

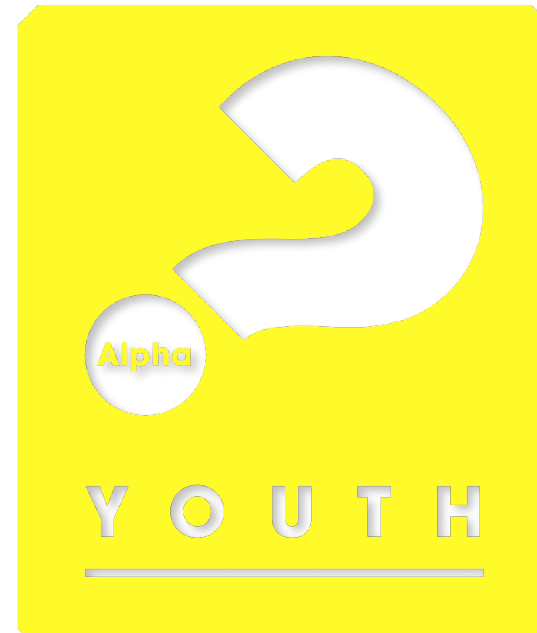
# Classes & Studies

## Alpha Film Series

The Alpha Film Series is emotive, engaging and epic in scale and scope. Nicky Gumbel and two new presenters, Toby Flint and Gemma Hunt, walk through the basics of the Christian faith in a way that everyone can relate to. The episodes feature inspiring stories and interviews from all around the world, as well as visual illustrations and motion graphics.

Winter session of the ALPHA film series  
BEGINS April 1st, 2025 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship  
Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 7,  
Barrie ON  
Cost : FREE



Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage students (11-18) in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Discussion time is interspersed throughout the short talks to make it simpler for them to share their thoughts and questions.

New session of Alpha YOUTH series  
SUMMER COURSE COMING SOON

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship  
Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 7, Barrie ON  
Cost : FREE

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**Alpha YOUTH! Series**



## The PRE Marriage Course



### The Pre-Marriage Course

**The PRE - Marriage Course** is an opportunity for you to invest in your relationship through five in-person or online date nights created to help you to learn to communicate well, understand and appreciate your differences, and prepare for potential challenges.

New Sessions Begins in 2025- stay tuned

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship

Course Journal required: a free PDF provided OR The Pre Marriage Journal available to purchase for \$15 each.

**The Marriage Course** runs over seven sessions, and each session begins with sharing dinner as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful video covering topics that are relevant for every couple like Good Sex or Resolving Conflict. In short? Your marriage. But better challenges.

New Sessions Begins in 2025- stay tuned  
The Family Unit is vital and we're excited to introduce the Marriage course at COSF to help support the family unit! Please contact us if you are interested in participating in this course please contact us.

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship  
Cost: workbook approx \$18



### The Marriage Course

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## Men's Conquer Series

The Conquer Series is a powerful cinematic study that is transforming the lives of men around the world. Now in two action packed volumes, each containing Biblical teaching and proven principles to help men conquer porn and walk in freedom.

Men are finding freedom by the thousands. Dr. Ted Roberts, host of the Conquer Series, has personally counselled over 10,000 men with a 90% success rate. He's taken his proven Biblically-based process and incorporated it into the Conquer Series. We are now seeing thousands of men finding freedom from porn and remaining free for years!

2025 Course Dates - TBD

Email us to find out more OR if you would like sign up for the upcoming course.





**2 Year**

# **Ministry Leadership**

**Diploma**

**Duration: 15 courses, 8 weeks  
per module completed at own  
pace during the 8 weeks**

**Where: Online**

**Material: all resources  
provided for each course**

**Cost: ~ \$195 per course**

**Course Dates: Begins June  
2025**

**REGISTER HERE**



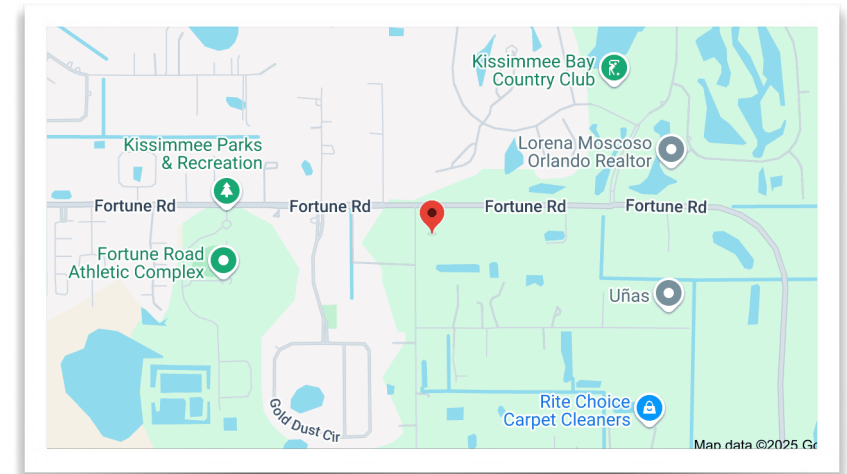
We have been praying that the Lord lead and show us how we may continue to encourage those wishing to become leaders in the church today. COSF has partnered with an international institute to offer a mentorship based 2 year ministry leadership certificate. We thank the Lord for His leading in this!

UPDATE: there's still time to sign up for the leadership course, if interested please register with the link. for any questions please contact Pastor Bhawani.

# COSF In The Field

## Christ Our Saviour Fellowship Florida *"I AM ...PATIENCE"*

We are looking forward to our next service in Florida! As we seek the Lord for guidance and preparations are under way, please pray for those who are again going forth as we continue to preach through the series on Galatians 5.



**Dates: June 7th, 2025**

**Times: 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Location: 1251 Marllo Road,  
Kissimmee, Florida**



[Click here to help support  
COSF Florida Church](#)



# COSF International & Mission Notes

We continue into 2025 and we see the Lord leading us into His harvest field. This is an exporting to the regions we are called to - of what we have been called to do at home - preaching the Word, make disciples, feed the poor. This is unfolding as we engage with our brothers and sisters in each region, and we pray the Lord continue to bless and to lead us in the labour of His glory and righteous name.



**COSF Africa**

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**AFRICA**



Kenya & Uganda Location of COSF



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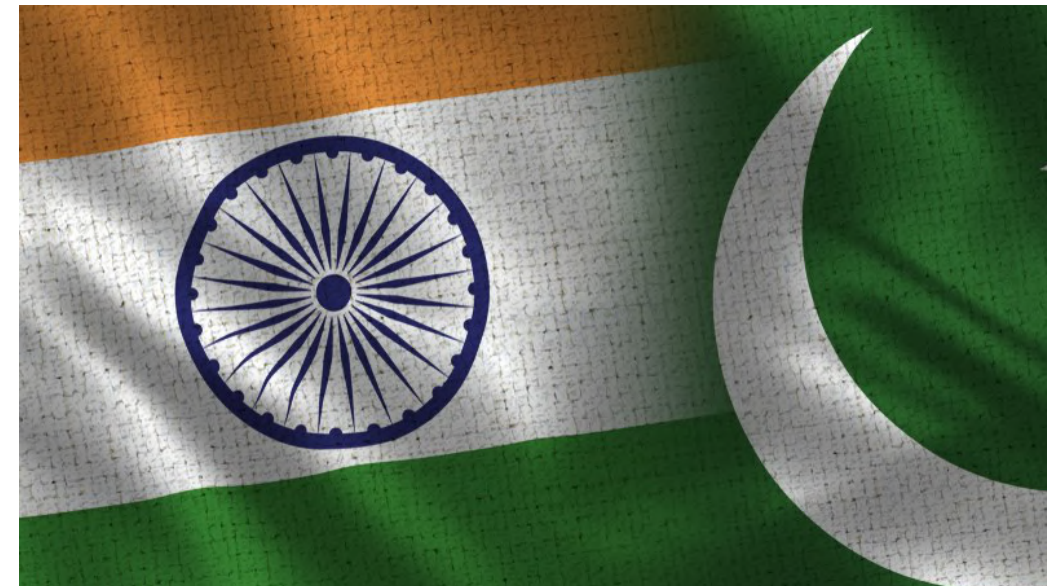
COSF Africa Pastor James Misiko  
and local church praying and church service  
Kenya, Africa.



## **COSF Carribean**



The waters of baptism await as the Word is preached and hearts are turned by the grace of the Lord. Please pray the Lord continue to move in the hearts of those throughout the region.



## **COSF India & Pakistan Region**

We continue to connect and pray with those in the India & Pakistan as well as Central & South America regions. We patiently wait to see where and how the Lord directs us in helping His people and sharing the Gospel.



## **COSF Central & South America**



# COSF @ Home

# The Shepherd's Table

Our Shepherd's Table Ministry provides warm, nutritious meals for those in need locally and in the missions field where we are called.

UPDATES: We will be out this Saturday May 3 from 1:00-3:00.  
Thank you all for your support and participation in the street ministry in Barrie

Menu: LAST WEEK- Sloppy Joe's, Baked Beans & Coleslaw  
May 3rd - Beef Fried Rice

[Please Click here to Support](#)



# Need a Ride to Church?

We have now launched the right now media app. As we populate some of the rooms you may receive an email asking you to download the app and join. If you are

already using the right now media app (scan the QR code below) you can find the message rooms at the bottom in the message bubble. One of these groups is for Sunday transportation if you require a ride to Church on Sundays. Please let us know if you require a ride prior to Sunday as this will help us to coordinate things easier.



# COSF & Right Now Media

**rightnow**  
MEDIA®



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**Have you seen the COSF  
Library...**

# **Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life**

Are your thoughts leading you toward transformation or conformity? Are they building you up or tearing you down? Are they drawing you closer to God or pulling you away? In Every Thought Captive, you will explore a topic crucial for your spiritual growth: the battle for your mind. In Romans 12:2, we read these words: "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Just like molten glass, our lives are constantly being shaped and molded by the thoughts we think. Join pastor and bestselling author Kyle Idleman for a five-session journey where you will learn to actively and intentionally challenge your thoughts. This isn't a study on the power of positive thinking—or how you have the power to change your life—but about learning how God made your brain. He will transform your life as you learn to take every thought captive and submit it

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# Prayers For The Saints

**Church Prayer** - Tuesday Mornings both your Pastors are praying for YOU during our church prayer time. If you have a specific need or request please email us at [info@christoursaviourfellowship.com](mailto:info@christoursaviourfellowship.com)

Please Pray For:

Salvatore Papandrea- health concerns and his lungs to be healed and the Lord continues to uphold him and his family

Tracy Morieira Lucas - she is recovering from brain surgery, please pray for a speedy and full recovery

- COSF church location - we are seeking the Lord in finding a possible new location due to extremely high costs. Pray that the Lord lead us to where He wills for His house in a quick and joyous way!

- Sam and His family, as the Lord is moving in his life please pray the Lord lead them all to His glory
- Please pray for the Lord to reveal His will for COSF regarding the missions and nations we are called to; that funding be provided to deliver the Gospel, and food to feed His people.
- There is great persecution of the church worldwide, please pray for the global church.
- COSF Worship Service Jun 7th- Please pray the Lord lead us in delivering His word to the people of Kissimmee Florida, safety and provision,
- Please pray for the leading and provision for COSF Africa and the July/August conference and crusades
- *Please pray for everyone in the congregation for help of the Lord to overcome challenges of the past, rebuke the lies of the evil one and to realize the glory of God in their lives*
- The waters of Baptism await those in Trinidad, please pray for encouragement in the hearts of those the Lord has begun a work in and reveal the truth of Himself to.
- please pray for the COSF YOUTH program- the summer activities and discipleship intensive.

# Scripture Memory Verse

## Obedience to Christ

*Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

Romans 12:1

# Baptism



Are you ready to accept our Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and be obedient unto His command of Baptism? Please speak with us.