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## WEEKLY CONNECTION

CHRIS OUR SAVIOUR

Join Us Every Sunday at 10:30am

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## WITH ALL DILIGENCE...



Training is hard, there's no two always about it. I remember being in the gym (in my younger years) seven, yes seven days a week, which was dedication! I knew in order to achieve my goal (lift heavy as I could ...silly , I know) that I had to work at it and it wasn't going to be easy. I'd seen the pictures of big Arnold (Schwarzenegger) with his crew of elite athletes and experts of weight training, and although I had no desire to mimic this, they certainly achieved great athletic performance that I appreciated. Not only were they elite, the

appreciated. Not only were they elite, the majority of people could never achieve this level unless you lived and breathed training.

No, I needed a better example of what to work towards. Growing up I always liked Thor and Wolverine in the comics I collected, that would work! So the question then was *HOW* do I go from a Jerry (*Seinfeld*) to a Thor in physique?? Impossible (*Sorry Jerry or Gerald*)!!

Recognizing that <u>change was needed</u> I then <u>set the *Goal*</u>; watch out Thor here I come! With determination and <u>DILIGENCE</u> of each day lifting, pressing, squeezing every ounce of effort I

had out of me, it was going well. I spent time and learned by reading specifics for each movement, best reps, and then I went and did it. That was until one day my mind was for a flash moment distracted on the

bench press and the heavy weight snapped a tendon! *OUCH!!!* That was it for the transformation; tendon snapped and gym time was done. Rest, healing was called for to train another day (hopefully).

The World is always trying to be or mimic someone else, but as *Christians* we seek to be the transformed, changed person from who we once were to who our Lord and Saviour makes us.

We read in the Bible:

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

At some point in each of our lives the grace of God came upon us and led us to salvation in our Lord Jesus. We believed and were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. At that moment we were no longer who we once were! The saving grace of God, His Word, the Holy Spirit convicting us when we heard the TRUTH of the Word made us realize we could no longer continue in life as we knew it; the need for CHANGE was recognized. But HOW to change and change to what? Luckily in God's Word it tells us our GOAL in this:

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are <u>being</u> <u>transformed into the same image</u> from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

This transformation, the change will lead us to be the image of our Lord! Far different then how we had been living life. We read in the Bible HOW the Lord while with us on earth lived as the demonstration to HOW we are to live unto God. The Apostles lived with our Lord, they were taught and instructed, witnessed the example and then they were sent to go and do!

In all of this they had to have *diligence*, a persistent mindset that kept them driving towards the goal of the transformation that our Lord Jesus was modelling before their eyes. To be like our Lord Jesus, to be who He has called us to be is the most ultimate goal and the greatest statuesque physique in this life. We read in the Bible:

" I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14

This change doesn't come without it's challenges, pains, stumbling. Currently we <u>are</u> <u>being, in the midst of the process of</u> <u>transformation!</u> We haven't been FULLY transformed yet, that glory awaits us when we are called home. The residue from our old selves still lingers but IS dying away as we surrender to the Lord, and He rules and has sovereignty of our life.

You remember the goal of Gerry's build to that of a muscular nature Thor or better yet Samson...It requires *diligence*. This same trait that we have in our daily lives in dedication to the gym and transforming the physical body or anything else is the same diligence we apply to serving the Lord, to seeking His will and growth, the transformation in HIM.

Our lord was constantly under attack from all sides yet it didn't phase Him. Our Lord was showing us:

- Change is required we need to be transformed
- 2. the Goal of the spiritual life glorifying GOD in all obedience
- He demonstrated the power of the Kingdom and how to live unto God and love each other
- 4. He *instructed* the apostles, taught the disciples
- 5. He sent them to GO and DO and to do so diligently!

See you Sunday 10:30am Pastor Bhawani Who will you invite?

#### 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

## EXODUS WELCOME

EXODUS 3 Sermon Series

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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 <u>click HERE</u>



# CHRISTOUR I AM... FELLOWSHIP I AM... JULY 26th, 2025 4:00PM - 6:00PM LAM... 1251 MARLLO ROAD KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

## What's Happening at COSF?

### **Upcoming Events & Services**

- Father's Day June 15th
- Africa Revival and Crusade -Jul/Aug 2025 TBD
- COSF YOUTH Summer Youth
   Discipleship Program Registration NOW OPEN
- COSF Florida July 26th Service
   "I AM...KINDNESS"



## SUMMER YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

GLOW UP WITH JESUS
THIS SUMMER!



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



Hello everyone, I hope you are all having a great week. The end of school is coming soon and we are looking forward to some great summer programs at the COSF. If you are interested, you can reach out to me or click the advertisement a couple pages back for more information. In other news, the Florida team went back down last weekend to preach on the next fruit of the spirit, patience. It was a great service. Pastor Bhawani spoke on the Lord's patience with us and how we are called to have the same patience to God, ourselves and others. And I wanted to take a moment today to talk to you about patience.

We live in a very fast-paced ... 'NOW' society. The attitude is often "I want it now and if I can't have it, I'm going to freak out!" And this way of being can permeate our relationship with God. But God calls us to be different than the world, to follow His ways.

As we spoke about in the last couple weeks, God has everything under control and He is able to do all that He promises for us. God, therefore, calls us to have faith and and know that He can do everything and He will! God wants us to trust Him more and more, He wants to expand our faith in Him and grow in relationship with Him.

But how does He test our faith? We see one way explained in James 1:2-4. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing (NKJV)."

James says that God allows the testing of our faith. Have you ever asked God, "Why have you not done something you promised?" Its because the Lord is testing your faith, He is expanding you and seeing if you really do trust Him. He is teaching us all to have patience and wait for Him in faith, so that we may be complete and lacking nothing. The Lord works according to His timing. When we realize this, we become much more thankful and come much closer to God. Because God will do everything, in His time, just like He promised. So let us be still in our hearts and minds, at peace and present in this moment and wait on the Lord in faith.

COSF Youth Summer DISCIPLESHIP Program Registration NOW OPEN (visit <u>website</u> for details)



### IN THE LIFE ....

#### **Noah Martins**

This week, I have continued to speak with a young brother from Pakistan. Over the past few months, we have prayed together, shared scripture, and he has been blessed by the Sunday and Florida Services. It is a continued encouragement to me, and brings joy to my heart that even when we have nothing particular to talk or pray about, he never ceases to send me scripture and ask how the church is doing over here. This is the body of Christ. This is the love of God across the nations. We continue to pray for our brothers across the nations that God would have His way, and lead us to wherever He wills!

This week I have been speaking with a woman who is currently suffering a domestic issue. Her husband fights with her a lot and talks about kicking her out of the house. This has left her feeling very worried and she shared with me that this is the first time she has felt so alone in her life. Yet, in this trial she is still eager to serve the Lord and His people! We pray for the Lord's strength, peace, and leading upon our sister during this time. We can read in His Word that "God makes a home for the lonely;" Psalm 68:6. Our Mighty God is with us in every circumstance and gives us the glorious grace of finding our rest in Him.



**Emma Censoni** 

## 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 SUMMER session TBD

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship

**Alpha** 

Alpha

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

**Alpha YOUTH! Series** 

#### **The PRE Marriage Course**



The PRE - Marriage Course is an opportunity for you to invest in your relationship through five inperson 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

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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

**Course Dates: Begins SOON June 2025** 

IT"S NOT TOO LATE!
REGISTER HERE



COSF has partnered with ARTOS ACADEMY a highly reputed *Our daily Bread Ministries* international institute to offer a mentorship based 2 year ministry leadership certificate. By participating in this program you are at the forefront global theological training for the nations! We thank the Lord for His leading in this!

#### **UPDATES:**

- 1.We are getting close to launch of the program! The courses are being custom prepared and loaded into the system for our access. I'm finalizing a few details prior to rollout of registration emails which should be out the week of June 20th-27th.
- 2. Payment- we have decided that COSF will pay as a church and each participant will submit the fee to COSF.

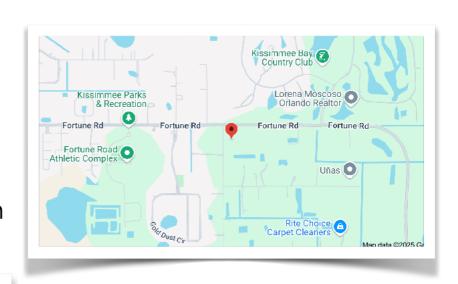
  This is give you the added benefit later on your tax receipt!

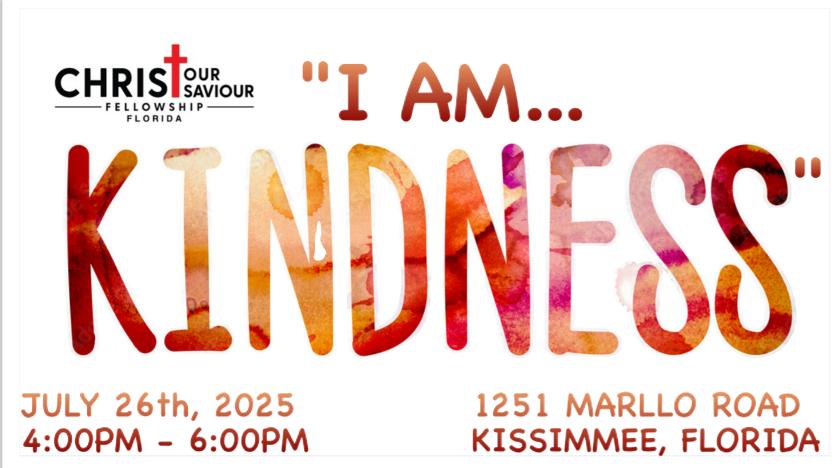
  If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bhawani.

### COSF In The Field

#### Christ Our Saviour Fellowship Florida "I AM ....KINDNESS"

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





Dates: July 26th, 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**

COSF Africa- we still work and labour to build up our brothers in Kenya and Uganda. They have all experienced pushbacks of some sort having begun the discipleship program. We know the roadblocks the adversary can deploy to prevent progress of the Kingdom..but he is powerless! Our Lord Jesus reigns and is seeing His church built as He wishes. Please pray for them all as they continue to strive to be found faithful in all they are called.

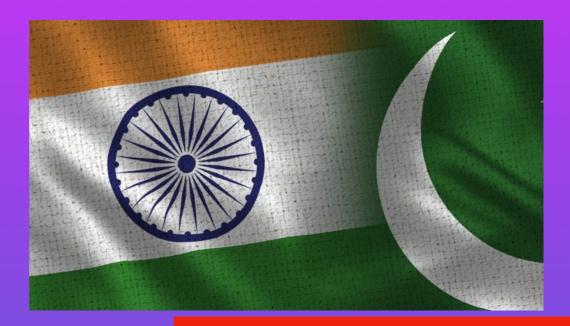




#### **COSF Caribbean**



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.



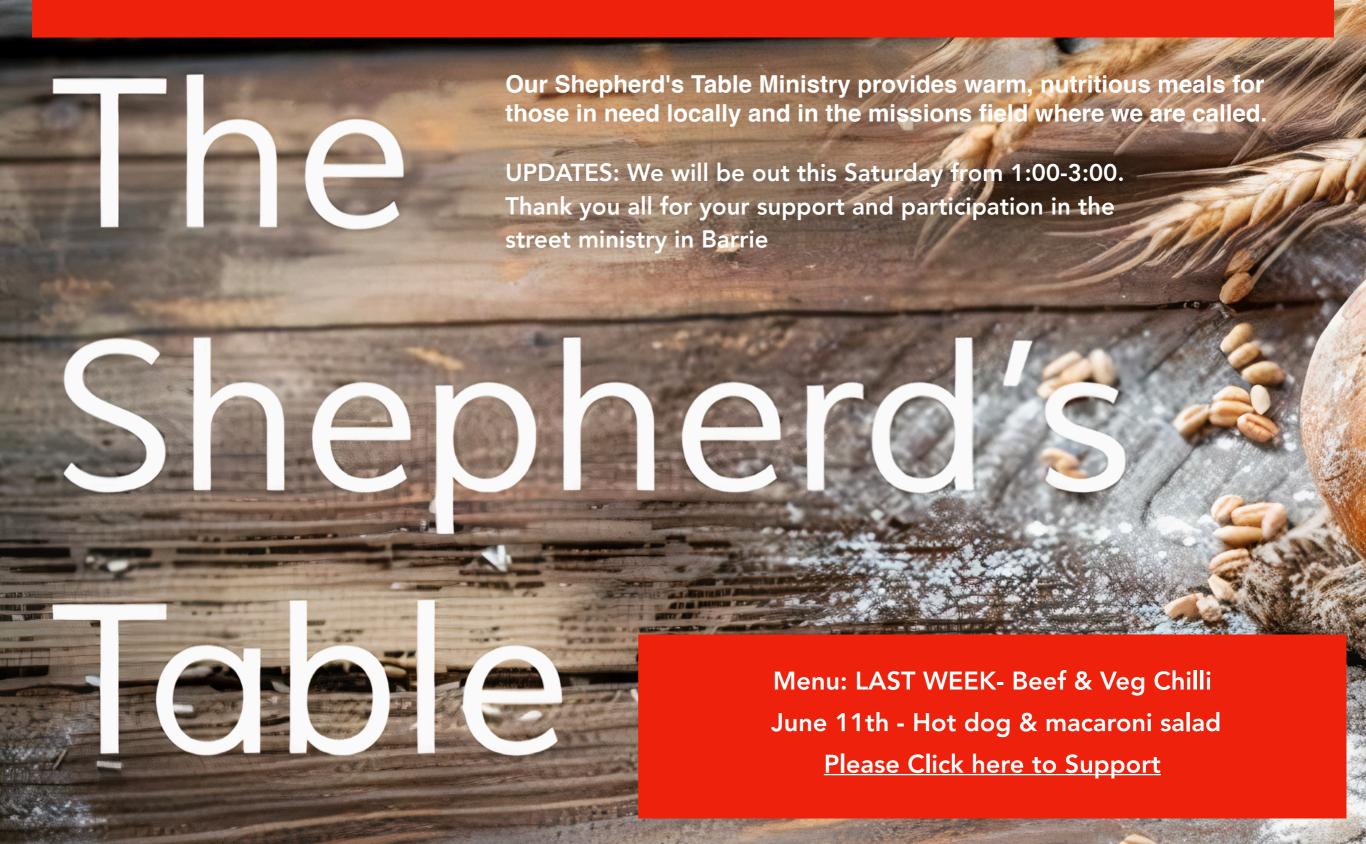
**COSF India & Pakistan Region** 

We begin the studies and discipleship training in the Pakistan and India region next week. Please pray for transformation of hearts in the people by the grace of our Lord Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit.



**COSF Central & South America** 

## COSF@Home



## Need a Ride to Church?

We have 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 Library





Scan QR code for FREE access

Have you seen the COSF Library...

## A VISION FOR THE GLOBAL CHURCH

In this crucial four-part series, church leaders from nations around the world share the heartbeat of the global mission movement. Join Kwasi Amoafo, Jorge Salazar, Chadwick Mohan, and Anne Zaki as they encourage church leaders with the vision to spread the gospel to every person, to build disciplemaking churches for every people and place, to raise up Christlike leaders for every church and sector, and to make a Kingdom impact in every sphere of society.



## 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

#### Please Pray For:

- Please pray for those participating in the leadership program that begins in the next few weeks. Pray the Lord uphold each of them, that they are successful in this: Sandy, Laura, Robin, Ellie, Anna, Ted, Gina, Jacob, Noah, Emma, Gertie
- The Youth need prayer and support please pray that as we launch the summer youth discipleship program that the Lord lead the youth today to participate and grow closer to Him. Please pray for all those leading and assisting in the youth discipleship program this summer.

- Tracy Morieira Lucas Thank the Lord for all He has done, Tracy continues to recover well after her surgery.
  - 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 and His wife's. Pray the Lord lead them to His side and that they learn of His goodness and truth
  - Please pray for the street mission and continued support for feeding and providing for the Lord's people
  - There is great persecution of the church worldwide, please pray for the global church.
  - COSF Worship Service Jul 26th- 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.

## Scripture Memory Verse

#### Witnessing

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19



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.