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WEEKLY CONNECTION

Join Us Every Sunday at 10:30am 250 Bayview Drive Unit #4 Barrie, ON L4N 4Y8

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Many of you already know that I love the outdoors; Seeing a wild animal at the time, a deer or camping, hiking, paddling and the life. It wasn't always that way though. Growing up I loved being outdoors and the parks but to be camping and sleep outside...with the bugs? With the ravaging lions tigers and bears? Without my bed and blanket? NOOOO thank you!

anything other than a rabbit would send my heart palpating. They were foreign to my world and an unknown danger...or at least that's how I justified my fear. Even the fish in the water would scare me. I couldn't see them, I didn't now if they would bite and not only that, have you ever seen JAWS!!!

these were just smaller, tinnier versions of those monsters and who knew what they would do! As I began exploring my outdoor pursuits I would start to test my wits at times. Through those hiking trails I would sometimes see other paths and I'd wonder where it would lead or why others went that way...it's off the tested and marked trail! Sometime I would take a detour and see where it led but usually I would double back after checking my time, getting nervous and well, afraid of getting lost! They were short lived side quests that ended back on track, or trail rather, and safely home eventually.

Paddling out west was a challenge in the surf and especially as a solo kayaker the challenge increased considerably. The launching and landing can be tricky and usually where people get hurt and VERY wet if you're not careful. One trip I had taken time out on a beach, jumping through some rocks while I got my land legs back.

One jump I should say found my right ankle hit against a jagged rock, boy did that hurt. That side quest cost my ankle pain for several months before it would eventually heal. Not only that the beach wasn't safe as there was a warning about wolves roaming. It seemed as though they had lost their fear of humans and verging into camps and around people ...and their food! So, the side quest wasn't the nest idea and the outcome was



nothing short of a *PAIN!!* Lesson learned, stay on course on future trips.

It's interesting when you think about how we in our lives set goals for so many things such as career, possessions, financial status in life. How often on our path to achieving these goals do we get deterred by other things? We all know it happens frequently and the goals may change as an result.

In our Christian life we know the way in which we are to walk, Thomas asked this of the Lord:

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

John 14:5

Our Lord Jesus stated:

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

In our walk with the Lord, How often along the narrow way do we pause, sometimes stop or get distracted and wonder off on side quests! There are so many reasons for this in a believers life. Yet what to do when the challenge of pasturing or the temptation of a side quest arises? Along the path there are many side roads that we will encounter, "what's on this or that road?" we may ask or be tempted to start walking down, taking a detour OFF the path we have been set on by the Lord.

These sideroads, side quests never turn out well! When we look at the parable of the sower we read this:

"Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful."

Mark 4:18-19

The cares, worries, stress, our behaviours, DESIRES and our own choosing to explore these side quest as they appear hamper our walk and ability to draw closer presents itself as an "viable option?" to the Lord. Martha experienced this and the Lord was WITH her and she was worried about the preparation of things, and the Lord said to her:

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her. Luke 10:41-42

So what are we to do when "options" that aren't really an option pop up, when a side quest

REBUKE IT and the urge, tendency within yourself to listen and be tempted. Seek the voice of the Lord who has called you on this narrow path. He IS able to keep you from slipping and side quests!

No candy needed...but welcome!

See you Sunday at 10:30

Pastor Bhawani - Who will you invite?



Did You Miss 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 <u>HERE</u>



What's Happening at COSF?

Upcoming Events & Services



- COSF YOUTH Group- Fridays
- COSF Florida Dec 13th Service
- "I AM...GENTLENESS"
 - COSF FLORIDA has been granted FULL
 501 (3) charity status
- Exodus series continues for the Fall
 - 2026 Mission Trip South Africa, Kenya
 & Uganda

COSF ORIGINAL Productions

In harnessing the latest media tools the COSF social media & production team, being led by the Holy Spirit, are overjoyed to share with you COSF ORIGINAL scriptural video productions! Our hope is these will touch the hearts of the people and be used globally to help lead people to the truths and glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Be sure to check back frequently as we are full steam ahead in production!



click here to see more



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

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.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

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

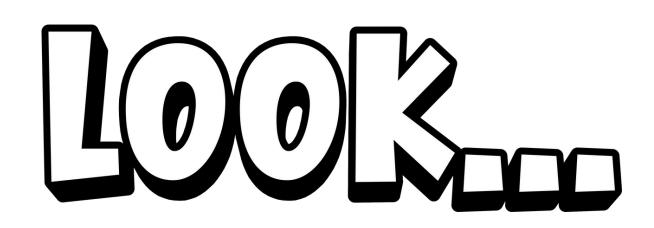


Hello everyone! Jacob and Laura here :) We hope everything is going well with you this week. Most of you are probably asking, where did the fall go? I don't know, but that's okay because the SNOW is here! Something about the cold weather, the coziness of the snow, getting to go ice skating, tobogganing or having snowball fights, all brings Laura and I such joy. That's what we wanted to talk about today ... joy. Do you remember as a kid the sheer excitement we would have when we got that new toy or did our favourite activities? Laura remembers the joy of getting an American Girl doll. She stayed up all night, with her sisters wondering if she would get one, and then she did! For me, it was getting to watch the superhero episode of SpongeBob. For years, whenever it came on TV, I would be overjoyed!

As we grow older, we can start to forget about that childlike joy. As I'm sure many of you have seen, the world is full of violence, selfishness, complaining, hatred and division between people. All of these things can easily rob us of our joy in the Lord, but we thank God that in Him and in His word, there is fullness of joy. We read in Psalm 16:11 "You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are

pleasures forever." This joy is not like that of a new toy. The fullness of joy that God brings into our lives never fades. When we think about how God loves us, and that He sent His Son to die in our place, that He is with us each moment of every day, how can we not be overjoyed? We want to encourage you. We can very quickly get pulled into the ways of the world and forget

We want to encourage you. We can very quickly get pulled into the ways of the world and forget what God has done. It is easy to lose sight of the joy in the Lord, but when we remember God and the truth of His word, we are strengthened and rejoice in Him. There are going to be difficult and challenging moments in this life. Things you never expected to happen will come at you, but don't let yourself be discouraged. Know that God has you in His hands and He is the one in control of it all. Rejoice that He is the one leading you through life!



Highschool Faith

@ COSF Youth Group:

we're so happy to be launching our youth group on October 3rd! this is a great opportunity to grow, support and share our faith with each other. As part of our group initiative we are launching "MADE FOR THIS", a national prayer for schools. We are focusing our efforts and prayers in the Barrie area. We welcome you to join us on this exciting journey!

THEYARE MADE FOR THESE TIMES.

Curious, Driven, Energetic: Our high schools are filled with visionaries and dreamers who will transform our country.

This generation is our future

let's come together to pray for them.

DON'T FORGET:

Friday Night Youth Group

Begins October 3rd 7:00pm

REGISTER HERE

Schools we're praying for:

St. Josephs High School

Eastview Secondary School

Barrie North Collegiate

École Secondaire Nouvelle-Alliance

St. Mary's Catholic School
Unity Christian High School
Innisdale Secondary School
Heritage Christian Academy
St. Joan of Arc High School
Bear Creek Secondary School
École Secondaire Roméo-Dallaire
St. Peters Secondary School
Maple Ridge Secondary School



Hello everyone! I wanted to share with you all, a message from a brother from Kenya, who through various challenges, wanted to encourage us across the nations!

"Blessed Sunday, brothers and sisters in Christ. As we rest and worship today, may Galatians 2:20, remind us of the beautiful exchange we've received: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." May Christ's life within you shine brightly, filling your heart with peace, strength, and renewed faith. Have a wonderful and Spirit-filled day in His presence." This was such a blessing to my heart, as through trials and persecution, separated by oceans, what a blessing it is to lift each other up to the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God bless you all.

Hi everyone! There is one sister who sends me pictures every day of their orphanage in Pakistan. You can see the conditions are not the best, they have no shelter over their heads and are in poverty. This is their life and they have very little. Yet in the pictures, there are the biggest smiles on these children's faces and on the face of our sister as they keep the Lord before them. Their delight is in the Lord. I wanted to take a moment to appreciate this and to lift them up to the Lord, that He continues to uphold them and provide for them to the glory of His Name.

classes & study

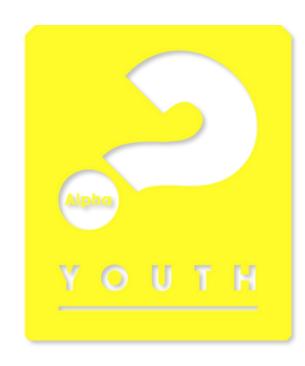
Alpha Film Series

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.

ALPHA film series - ONLINE WINTER

Location: ONLINE

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
FALL COURSE - FRIDAY YOUTH GROUP

Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship

Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 4, 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.



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

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





MINISTRY LEADERSHIP 2 YEAR DIPLOMA

DETAILS: 12 OR 20 COURSE PROGRAMS, EACH COURSE 8 WEEKS COMPLETED AT OWN PACE, ALL COURSES PER ROUTE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 YEARS

12 COURSES - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

<u>20 COURSES</u> - DIPLOMA <u>(ACCREDITED)</u> WITH POTENTIAL TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS 25 COURSE DEGREE WITH KAIROS.

WHERE: ONLINE

MATERIAL: PROVIDED PER COURSE

COURSE DATES: BEGINS SOON - AUGUST 2025

COSF has partnered with ARTOS ACADEMY formerly 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!

COURSE 1- GETTING STARTED

NOW UNDERWAY!

COURSE 2 - EFFECTIVE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS

STARTING NOW!

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"I AM GENTLENESS"

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.





Date: December 13th, 2025
Times: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Location: Kissimmee, Florida

Click here to help support
COSF Florida Church

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Are you being called?



Stay tuned and prayerful about the new mission field for COSF. We will be involved in visitation to COSF Africa- Kenya & Uganda South Africa Biblical teachings for children and more.



COSF Africa - Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and helping our brothers in Africa complete the full discipleship program! We look forward to 2026 and the planning for the crusades in the local and tribal communities to preach the Gospel.



COSF In-the-nations

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.





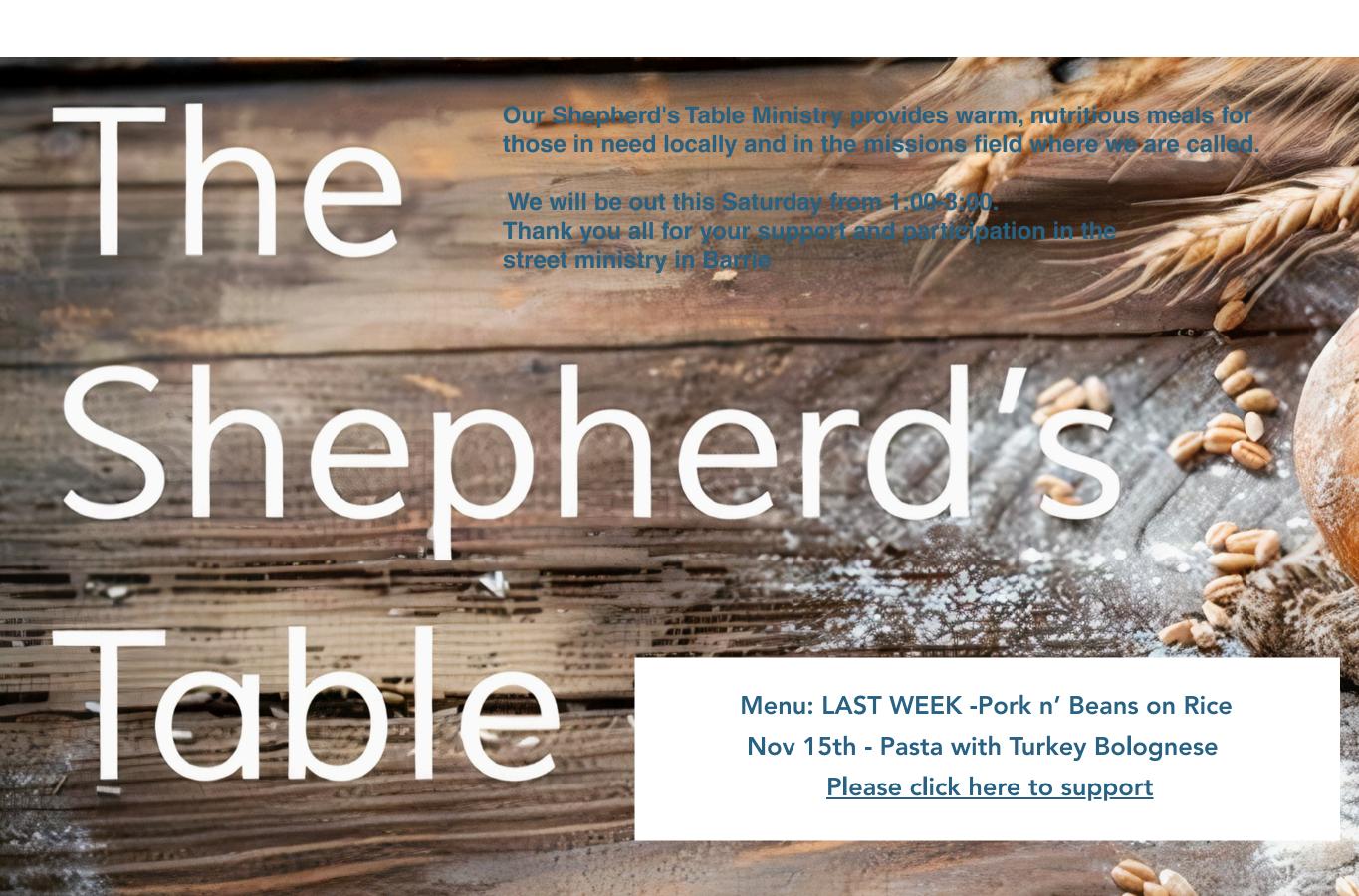
COSF India & Pakistan Region

The Alpha Film Series will be launching in the coming weeks for those in the Pakistan /India region.



COSF Central & South America

COSF @ Home



Need a Ride to Church?

COSF & Right Now Media
Library



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.





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Have you seen the COSF Library...

Has anyone ever told you...

You have permission to eliminate distractions!
You have permission to live a more fulfilling life!
Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time.
They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our

attention from the God who created us for his good purpose.
this video Bible study to give you guidance in and joyful permission to:

- Identify the distractions in your life
- Eliminate them so that you can recharge and refocus on your God-given purpose
- Start living a less-distracted and more joy-filled and love-oriented life Distractions can get you stuck in the past, worried about the present, and frazzled by any future you could possibly fret over. It's time to discover how to get undistracted in all aspects of your life.

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:

- pray for COSF Africa as we prepare to go forth after the discipleship course:
- we are preparing the field for February planting
 - we are planning a street ministry of preaching
- there are needs for the health of some of the brothers and their families. Please pray for Brother Martin whose father has been called home to be with the Lord.
- Please pray for brother Mathias's wife as she struggles with a heart condition and failure.
- Please pray for those participating in the leadership program. There are always challenges we face as we draw closer to the Lord: Please pray for:

Sandy, Laura, Robin, Ellie, Anna, Ted, Gina, Jacob, Noah, Emma, Gertie

- Please pray for the street mission and continued support for feeding and providing for the Lord's people especially now in the colder weather
- COSF Worship Service Dec 13/25. Please pray the Lord lead us in delivering His word to the people of Kissimmee Florida, safety and provision.
- The Youth / Youth Group need prayer and support
- please pray for the Lord to lead and create a weekly youth group.
- 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, grow in the Lord and to realize the glory of God in their lives.

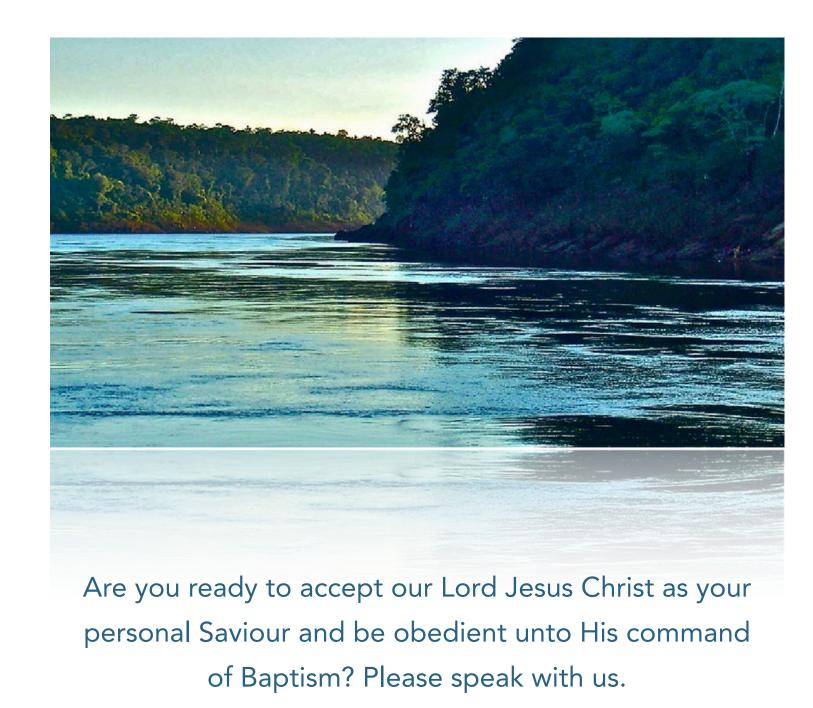
Scripture Memory Verse

Remain Focused

"Let your eyes look directly ahead And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet. And all your ways will be established.

Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.

Proverbs 4:25-27



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