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EDITION

CHRIST  **OUR
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— FELLOWSHIP —

WEEKLY CONNECTION

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

When Mercy Feels Far Away



Ring ring...no answer. "What should I do ? call again!"

Ring ring...still no answer! "That didn't work...i'll try again"

Ring riNG RING!!!silencestillness ...nothing, no response , empty air on the other end " Is this line working?" You think to yourself as your mind races under pressure.

Your calling, your crying out seems lost like an echoing scream into a tunnel -loud at first but slowly diminished with each repetition gone unheard and unanswered.

it's like everyone vanished ...the isolation that comes upon you feels stifling.

All you can think of is *“where is my help? I called, why doesn’t anyone answer!”*

Sound like a familiar scene or others similar to that? We’ve all been there, some of us are currently or daily in this season of trial. Yes you know the ones that *never* seem to end and drag on...and on.....and on. We were taught to persevere in trials, to keep knocking as we read:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7

What happens when you’ve done as you’re told? When you’ve cried out and there is no answer 2...3..5 times and the anxiety begins to grow?

It can be truly exhausting and challenging to our hearts and minds as we go through these seasons of testing,. When we *don’t* see a response, immediately we can turn to thoughts of :

“ What have I done that God hasn’t answered my prayer / cry yet?”

“ I must have sinned and God's not answering me”

“ God is unhappy with me”

And so the thoughts go, sound familiar? Our minds can play torturous tricks on us. Let me begin by saying none of these thoughts are of righteousness, none of these thoughts are of God. They are of our broken humanity and of the adversary taking advantage of the opportunity to cause strife ,to break our faith in our Lord's promises to us. It makes us seem unworthy; that guy would never answer someone like me and so more often times than not we end up giving up. That is what the adversary wants.

The seasons of trials are not easy and we will all continue to go through challenges till the day we are called home. Yet, let's understand what the challenge(s) is about;not through our understanding but through what the Lord says to us in HIS Word. To begin lets look at the Gospel of James which says :

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:2-4

These are reassuring verses and they let us know that God is at work which is vital for us to remember in the middle of all things. Yet how do we have faith when the oppression is so heavy that we cannot physically move, we cannot breathe, we cannot think we are consumed in fear and stress and anxiety? Well that's just it, we have to have FAITH! This is exactly what God is building in each person within the midst of whatever turmoil may be going on, whatever challenge maybe before us.

Now this is easy to say but to walk through is extremely difficult. We are subject to reactions and our feelings, usually of the old person. But do our feelings and reactions we



used to have take priority over *the growth of the trial* God is leading us in? NO! This is why it's called a trial, a challenge to test our faith, the small portion that we had that is to grow into a larger portion of faith. And this can only come about truly by testing to see if we can overcome; do we really... truly... trust God?

Our first step is to pause and recognize that God is with us and that He will never leave us. That is His promise in His word. Secondly, we are aware that the trial will come upon us at any

moment, and that is OK, for it is the battle we are called into and God is preparing us. We read:
“.... even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

1 Peter 1:6-7

So yes, we are challenged, we are pushed beyond our capacities, our normal behavioural patterns, so that we can grow and so God can draw forth good fruit unto His kingdom and for His purposes. Is that supposed to bring us comfort knowing we have to go through trials? Well no. What brings us comfort is that God is with us! You see, we cry out, we scream out to our Lord Jesus Christ to be encouraged and be strengthened. It might be two might be three might be 10 times. It might be praying without ceasing and that may happen for a day, a month, or years. God knows the season that He needs us in; this place, but do not forsake (this is where faith grows). God has not abandoned you. Like screaming through that tunnel you feel isolated alone like God has abandoned you, but here's what Peter says:

“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”

1 Peter 5:10

God will uphold you with His mighty omnipotent hand! He Himself will see you through. That is so glorious knowing that the God of all creation does hear us, even when we think He doesn't. He is purposefully growing each person's FAITH to draw us closer to Him. So cry out loud like a child, knowing our Lord WILL answer ...even in silence.

See you Sunday @10:30.

Pastor Gerald- Who will you invite?



*“Sing to the Lord a
new song;
Sing to the Lord, all
the earth.”
Psalm 96:1*

The COSF Hymnbook is here! We're excited to bring you the songs and hymns that we sing unto the Lord so that as a global church we can sing forth glorious praises to our Lord Jesus.

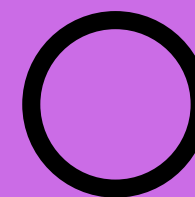
The book is set up in a digital format and also available on our website. Each song provides the lyrics and the musical key/chords for congregations and worship teams



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Hymn Book

Scan the QR code or click the link above to download



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 [HERE](#)



The
Shepherd's
Table

What's Happening at COSF?

Upcoming Events & Services



- COSF YOUTH Group- Fridays 6:45pm
Psalm August
COSF Youth Summer Program
- COSF Florida Church plant
 - Growth Forward
- Mission Trip - South Africa, Kenya & Uganda
- COSF Alpha Course - Global courses

A photograph of a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, standing in front of a large crowd of people. The crowd consists of men, women, and children, many of whom are wearing patterned clothing. They are in an outdoor setting with trees and a thatched-roof building in the background. The man in the white robe is looking towards the camera.

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!

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to see more



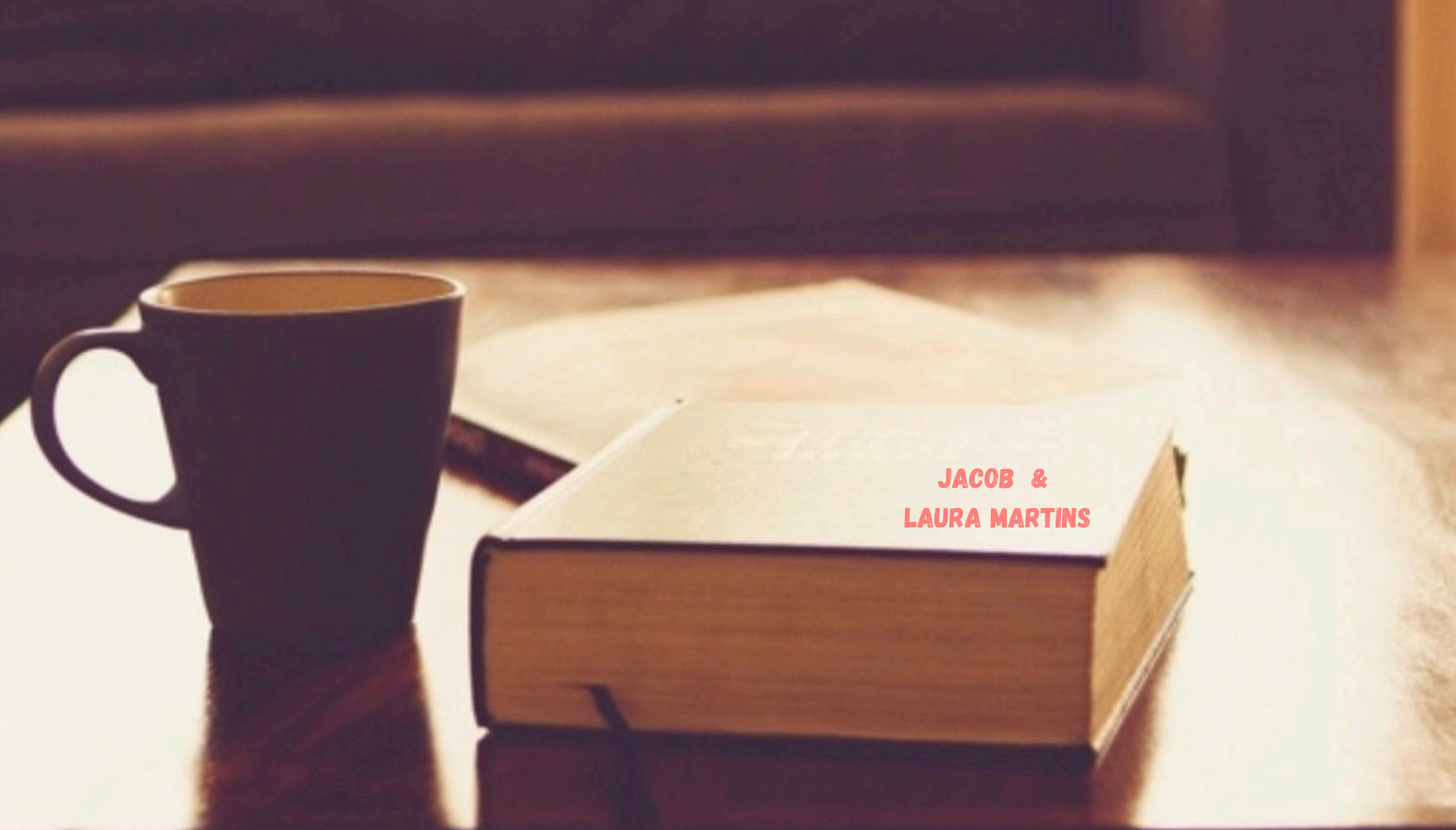
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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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 series
-Discipleship series, Mentorship-based Ministry
Leadership Certificate**

A photograph of a dark-colored mug filled with coffee, sitting on a light-colored wooden table. Next to the mug is a thick, hardcover book with a light-colored cover. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the table and a hint of a window or light source. The overall mood is warm and cozy.

**JACOB &
LAURA MARTINS**

YOUTH WALK

Hi everyone! As we round the halfway point of summer break, Laura and I were reflecting on the past few weeks and how different from the rest of the year the summer months can be. Some of us have busy schedules with new jobs or helping take care of siblings at home. Some of us have had an abundance of free time for the past few weeks, trying to find things to do throughout the day. Either way, it can be difficult to adjust to these changes and know how to balance our time and priorities. This is something we've found to be true in our own lives, busy and slow seasons will always come and go. Regardless of which season we are in, the amount given to us is a blessing from the Lord according to what He has determined. Both extremes pose challenges to us as carnal things start to pull our focus in different directions, away from the Lord. So whether we have a long to-do list or not, we always have ONE constant in our schedules, our time alone with the Lord.

Our Lord Jesus set the example for us in Mark 1:35 *"In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."* The Lord knew the importance of spending time with our Heavenly

Father, and took time first thing to meet with Him alone. The Lord never let the things of life take His attention away from His top priority, and neither should we. If we are not careful, we can neglect to safeguard our time with God. Our time with the Lord is not meant to be something we do to check a box, but rather it is meant to be a joyous time of personally meeting with the Lord. We daily set aside this time with the Lord, not worrying about what we could be doing, because it is the primary desire and priority of our hearts to seek Him. There is nothing more important than growing and caring for our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Even though there can be challenges and barriers in the way, this simple act of obedience to the Lord each morning makes all the difference. We want to encourage each of you, our Heavenly Father is moved when we seek Him in the morning and He promises to draw near to us as we draw near to Him.

Highschool Faith

@ COSF YOUTH GROUP :

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW, SUPPORT AND SHARE OUR FAITH WITH EACH OTHER. EACH WEEK WE GATHER TO LEARN OF THE LORD, PLAY GAMES AND SING WORSHIP. 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 !

JOIN US FOR OUR EXCITING NEW SERIES ...



DON'T FORGET:

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

EVERY WEEK @ 6:45PM

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING HERE

SCHOOLS WE'RE PRAYING FOR:

ST. JOSEPHS HIGH SCHOOL

EASTVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

BARRIE NORTH COLLEGIATE

ECOLE SECONDAIRE NOUVELLE-ALLIANCE

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNISDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ST. JOAN OF ARC HIGH SCHOOL

BEAR CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL

ECOLE SECONDAIRE ROMEO-DALLAIRE

ST. PETERS SECONDARY SCHOOL

MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

IN THE LIFE

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. This week I have been speaking with a brother from Kenya, who is trying to bring the gospel to those in his community. Him and his wife were expelled from the church they were attending, as they did not stay silent when leadership was living contrary to the Word. We lift our brother and his family up to the Lord. Lord Jesus, we know that You are all our brothers and sisters need. You are all sufficient, no matter when man tells us that their ways are higher. I pray You bless them, uphold them, and strengthen them by the power of Your Holy Spirit. They are praying the Lord will provide Bibles that they can distribute, and we lift this need up to the Lord, knowing God will provide according to His will. In this world when we find trouble, we can be of good cheer knowing Jesus Christ our Lord has overcome the world! God bless you all.

Noah Martins

Hello everyone,
I hope that your week is going well!

It has been such a blessing to speak with our sisters across the nations and to see their desire for the Lord and hunger for His Word. I have had a sister this week share with me how she has been blessed by the messages preached at Christ our Saviour Fellowship, and so we see the Lord at work, continuing to move in the hearts of His people everywhere. Praise the Lord! I was so overjoyed to hear this. Let us continue to pray for each other, brothers and sisters, and rejoice, for God is faithful.

Emma Censoni



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 - IN PERSON

Begins Fall Session 7:30 pm

Location: Christ Our Saviour
Fellowship

Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 4,
Barrie ON

Cost : FREE

ALPHA film series - Across the Nations THIS FALL - September

AFRICA
Uganda
Kenya

CARIBBEAN
Jamaica
Barbados
St. Lucia
Trinidad
Guyana

Where: online & local in Person
When: Tuesday 6:00 PM EAT
Languages: English, Swahili & Luganda

**Stay tuned as we bring you
the ALPHA FILM Series to your
region!**
Dates: TBD
Location : ONLINE
COST: FREE

Alpha YOUTH! Series



Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage students (11-18) in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Discussion time 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**



The **2:7 Series** is a **discipleship** training curriculum with a proven track record. Each of its three workbooks is an 11-week course in a small discussion group format. The series leads participants through the fundamentals of discipleship to strengthen their daily walk with God.

**New session of the 2:7 Series will begin in 2026
FALL COURSE - Sept'26**

**Location: Christ Our Saviour Fellowship
Address: 250 Bayview Dr. Unit # 4, Barrie ON
Cost : TBD**

2:7 Discipleship 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 2026- 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 2026- 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

The Marriage Course

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!

2026 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: 15 OR 20 COURSE PROGRAMS, EACH COURSE 8 WEEKS COMPLETED AT OWN PACE, ALL COURSES PER ROUTE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 YEARS

15 COURSES - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

20 COURSES - DIPLOMA (ACCREDITED) APPLIED TOWARDS 25 COURSE DEGREE WITH KAIROS.

WHERE: ONLINE, MENTORED

MATERIAL: PROVIDED PER COURSE

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!

ENDING NOW - HOLISTIC THINKING

NEXT COURSE:

JULY 9TH '26 - GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMANT

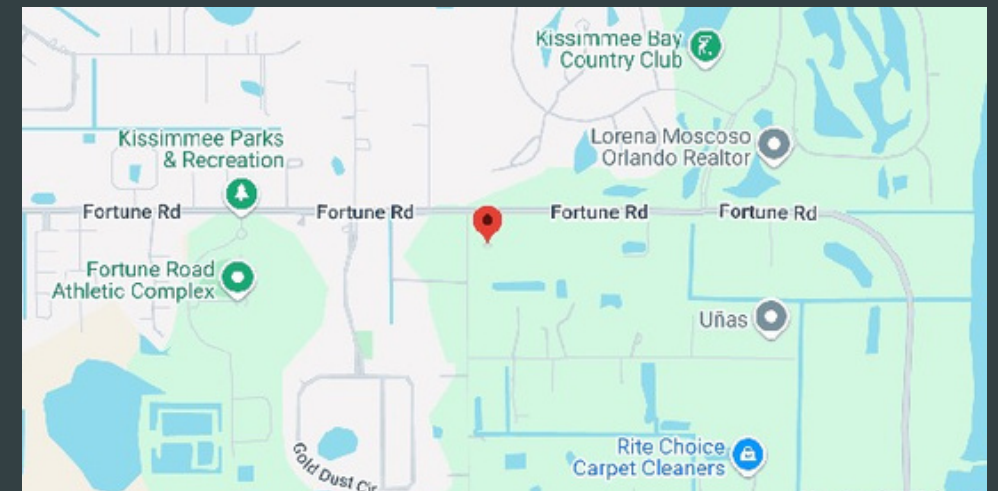
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Christ Our Saviour Fellowship Florida

FIELD notes

We have been called to plant and grow the church in the Kissimmee area of Orlando. The city is one of the top “post Christian” thinking cities with high levels of travellers from throughout the world. Please pray the Lord lead us in the building of HIS CHURCH!

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COSF Church Plant
Kissimmee, Florida

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[COSF Florida Church](#)

AFRICA MISSION

2027

Are you being
called?

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AFRICA

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



As part of COSF Caribbean we are called to the area to help service through :

The Shepherds Table- feeding the poor and hungry

Preaching the Good news of the Gospel

Teaching and Discipleship - local body of Christ and future leaders

Upcoming events for 2026:

- Alpha Film Series Online
- Discipleship & Ministry Leadership Courses
- Nov 29th Church Service - Crusade & Shepherd's Table



Pastor David Brinard

Shalom!!! Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is endless and its progressive no matter what circumstances. The one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world. His word never go in vain. We are pressing on to the goal to preach the good news of Jesus Christ and planting church. We need your prayers and support. Please do stand with us as a team of COSF to make the difference in the lives of these Indians and to expand the kingdom of God here in India..



MISSION FIELD

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.

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

Menu: LAST WEEK - BBQ, mac & cheese, coleslaw

Aug 15th- Chili w/ Rice

[Please click here to support](#)

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.



Have you seen the COSF Library...

God's grace is greater than your biggest setback! God enacts his perfect plan through imperfect people—including you and me!

In this five-session Bible study, you will see how God used Jacob—the misbehaving patriarch who was strong on savvy but weak on conscience—simply because God chose to use Jacob. His story invites us to believe in a God who sticks with the unworthy until we are safely at home. God turns brokenness into blessings through his grace, mercy, and relentless love. Not just for Bible characters, but for you. God Never Gives Up on YOU.



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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@cosfchurch.com

Please Pray For:

Phil Taylor as he undergoes chemo and prepares for cancer surgery in the coming weeks

- Gerald & family as they seek to follow in the directing of Lord for COSF, COSF Florida and the Global church.

Pray for all of the brothers in Africa for provision to take the leadership degree program

- for the COSF Church in Africa to be led by the Lord in His plan for evangelism of the communities

Healing for those in Africa- Mathias, Martin, Dan, James's Mother in law, support for the orphanage and COSF school for the poor and needy in Uganda

- 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: Laura, Robin, Anna, Ted, Gina, Jacob, Noah, Emma, Gertie, those in Africa

- Please pray for the street mission and continued support for feeding and providing for the Lord's people

- COSF Florida please pray for the growth and sustaining of the Church

Please pray for Selvan's ministry and all the Lord has called him to labour in for His name

Please pray for peace and strength for the people of the world to persevere in our Lord's name in trials they face: poverty, heath, homelessness, persecution

- Please pray for TRANSFORMATION of the hearts of everyone, 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

“In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

1 Peter 1:6-7



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.

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