

APRIL 9TH, 2025 EDITION

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR — FELLOWSHIP —

WEEKLY CONNECTION

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Join Us Every

Sunday at 10:30am

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Marching To The Cross

It's Easter season.

I remember when I was in grade school and the teacher would announce an Easter egg hunt during the day, boy that was exciting! Going to school and getting *CHOCOLATE!!* All I could eat (I didn't realize I had to work and find them first!)

Sometimes, usually after lunch there would be story time. I lost count how many times I heard Benjamin bunny, my mind was preoccupied with the previous announcement and all I could think about to be honest was...*where's the chocolate?!*



It would be about 1:30 or 2:00 in the afternoon when the story (finally!) wrapped up. Instead of heading back to our desks, ANOTHER announcement! I was giddy, salivating, really? Was it time? YES!! No work, and a feast of chocolate! I would dart, march around looking anywhere and everywhere, it was a matter of claiming the most you see.

OH those eggs, filled with creamy gooey centres, and the solid chocolate eggs. Cadbury you out did yourselves! Needless to say, I too outdid myself and didn't want to see a drop of chocolate for ...days!

As I look back, it's interesting to see that Easter was promoted and filled with all types of activities and festivals, but I don't recall any mention of our Lord Jesus Christ in school. Sure, the bunnies, the tulips, the

spring time and all that, but the TRUE reason for Easter ...absent.

It makes me wonder, sad really, about how at a young age (and older) people are filling their lives with activities and things that have very little meaning, and just satiating pleasures of the moment. Like all the chocolate I had gathered (not needed) and over-consumed for a forty seven pound child, the sugar to weight ratio was astounding... no wonder the *queasy, sick* sensation. That would be like an adult consuming 5 to 6 dozen *Krispy Kreme* donuts in 24 hours, not good!

So, what about other things people fill their lives with? All purposeful in captivating and appealing to our carnal, physical senses, our wants and desires.

Distractions, all of them. You see there's a *host* of carnal things (food, money, drugs, alcohol, smoking, sex, gambling, shopping, food to name a few) when they are given primary importance in our lives, they capture us and the more we allow the prominence of these behaviours, the more difficult to break the dependency. For some, they take hold driving a need, a craving and desire for these things to feel better. The satisfaction they bring, these are addictions.

When these fill our lives, what is the outcome? Like the effects of excessive chocolate consumption, not good, and it's enough to ...make you physically, emotionally and spiritually sick. These are the things the world is promoting in their

marketing campaign to win the hearts, minds and dare I say ...the souls of the people.

It's an interesting approach, the rule of marketing is feed (*insert item name here*) it to them until the object becomes top in their minds, thoughts and a household name. Feed it to them until they can't take anymore, then feed them more! This approach leaves no space for ANYTHING else and so we see constant competition for the space in our minds, hearts which leave no room for anything else.

Interestingly, we read this in the Bible:

"neither give place to the devil."

Ephesians 4:27

Another translation uses the words "space" or "opportunity". This is why we are to also do as it is written:

*"Love the Lord your God with **all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**"*

Matthew 22:37

So we have some competing things here! On one hand we have the marketing machine of the world pushing "things", stirring up our *feelings and desires*; to act on/out these actions and to satisfy them with the object that has seduced us. *The marketing has overtaken us!*

On the other side, we have the Word of Truth, the Word of God *telling us NOT to*

love the world and the things there in, not to love ANYTHING more than God Himself!

We are called to love the LORD with ALL of our heart, soul and mind. How can we do that when the world's marketing is allowed to take "top" spot? Here then is the choice, do we live to satisfy our carnal desires or in the spirit to please God? In a previous newsletter we spoke about the need to live and honour the Lord in Spirit, to be spiritual not carnal (though for now we live here).

Living in love of the world demotes the Lord from being FIRST in our hearts, soul and minds...we don't give God the "ALL" that He asks us to. In so doing we leave room, opportunity that allows the marketing to overtake us.

Neither of these are neutral. The Bible draws us closer into a more intimate relationship with our Saviour, our Father and the Holy Spirit. This is the spiritual life, the craving of the word, the change it brings, the peace and joy that washes over us. The Word purposefully draws us *closer to God*.

Marketing on the other hand replaces the space in our heart, soul and mind reserved for GOD with *other things*, tantalizing and drawing us away from the "ALL" we are asked to give Him. This is how the top position in our lives overtake our love of God and relationship with Him.

We read what James wrote :

"You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity

against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

James 4:4

Love of the world that overtakes the love of God will make us ill! It's a disease far worse than too much chocolate and Krispy Kreme donuts. When our lives are lived in a carnal way, loving the world and spurring God, the *affliction of sin is waiting and it is severe*. But, we thank the Lord for He and He alone has the cure, the sacrifice on the cross to pay for our sins. This is Easter, this is The treat, this is the Love we should all know and share.

See you Sunday at 10:30

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 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?

Easter Week Service Schedule:

- Wednesday April 16th - live / online @6:30-7:30pm
- Good Friday April 18th - online @6:30-7:30 pm
- Sunday April 20th:
 - AM Service : live / online @10:30-11:30
 - PM Service : online @6:00-7:00pm

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“I AM...PEACE”

APRIL 19TH, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

1251 MARLLO ROAD
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA



*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,
- Discipleship series, Mentorship based Ministry Leadership Certificate

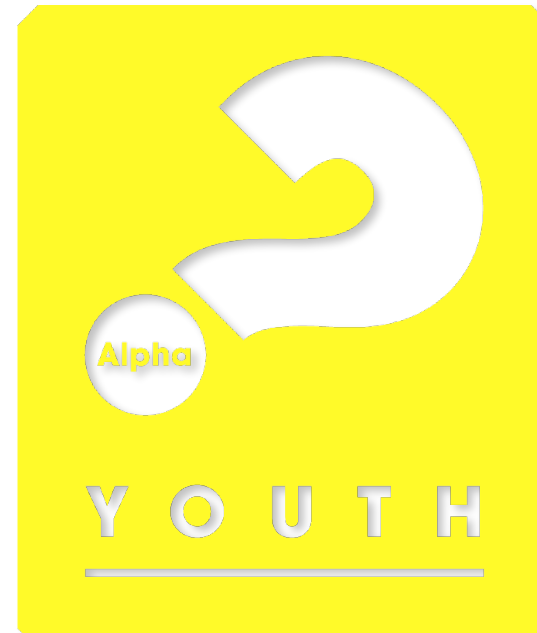
Classes & Studies

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
BEGINS - SPRING COURSE COMING SOON

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

Alpha YOUTH! Series

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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



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**

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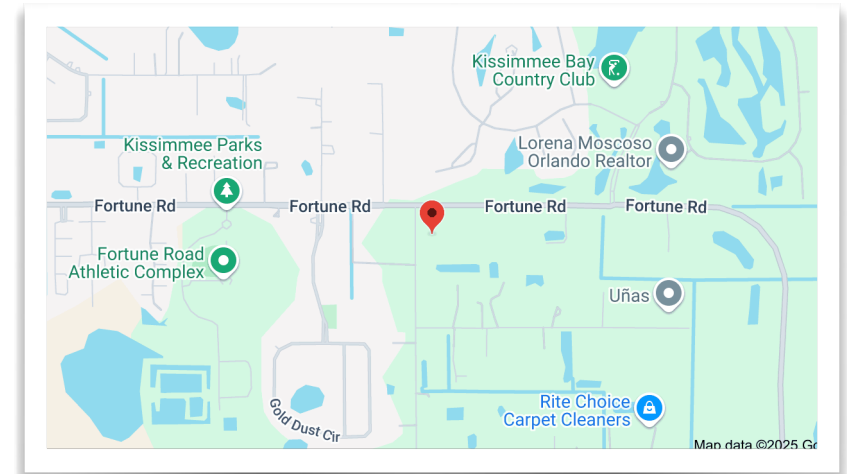
We have been praying that the Lord lead and show us how we may continue to encourage those wishing to become leaders in the church today. COSF has partnered with an international institute to offer a mentorship based 2 year ministry leadership certificate. We thank the Lord for His leading in this!

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

COSF In The Field

Christ Our Saviour Fellowship Florida *"I AMPEACE"*

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: April 19th, 2025

Times: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

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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



We have been praying and seeking the Lord as we setup and organize COSF Africa. In so doing we have been led to establish a leadership team locally that will co-labour with us as the Lord directs. We will be working to train and prepare the group and others for the carrying out of the Lord's work. Those who have been selected are:

Lead Pastor - Pastor James

Assistant Lead Kenya - Brother Emmanuel

Assistant Uganda - Brother Yoram

Please pray for them all as we labour to share the Gospel to the surrounding villages and tribal areas.

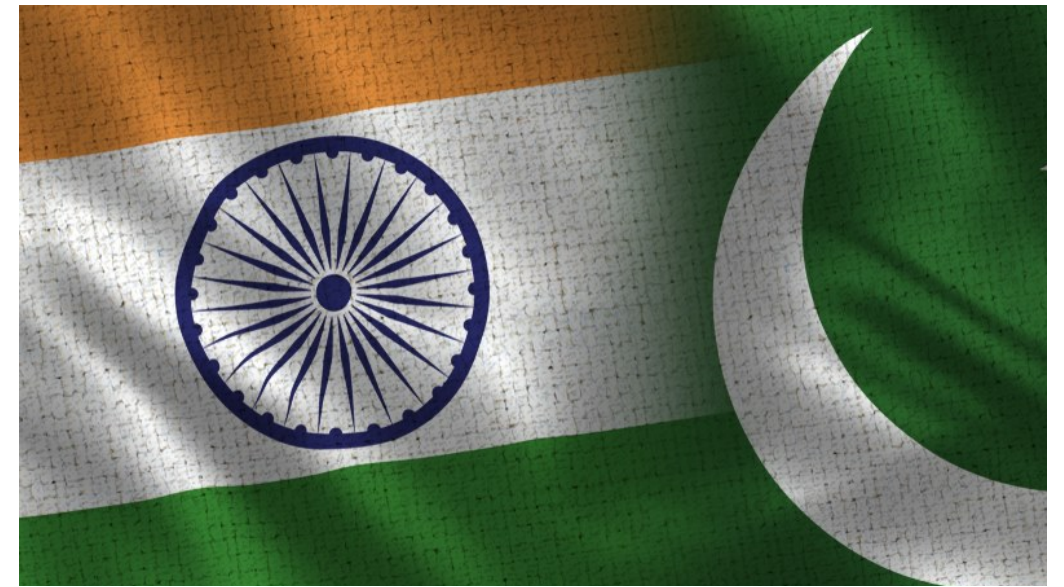


Kenya & Uganda Location of COSF

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 April 12th from 1:00-3:00.
Thank you all for your support and participation in the street ministry in Barrie

Menu: LAST WEEK- Pasta Ragu
April 12th - Pulled Pork, Mexican lime rice

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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.



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MEDIA®



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Have you seen the COSF Library...

Why Do We Need The Bible?

The Bible is a wonderful book filled with poetry, historical events, exciting narratives, and stories from the life of Jesus. But because it is an ancient text, it can also be intimidating and confusing. Its complexity makes many people wonder if we even need the Bible—can't we experience God without it?

In this six-session series, author and Bible teacher Lisa Harper unpacks the value and importance of the Bible for everyday believers. In this series, we will learn about what the Bible is, how God communicates with us through it, and why we should read it.



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Prayers For The Saints

Church Prayer - Tuesday Mornings 9:30 am - 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:

- COSF church location - we are seeking the Lord in finding a new location for the church as costs have been extremely high. 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 & Easter Events- April 19th & 20th 2025 Florida Church service, please pray for guidance, provision and the Lord's favour as we are sent forth into this harvest field and frontline.
- 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. The situation in Trinidad has become very grim with very high crime and murder rates. The country is now with The Lord to move upon this nation and the people.

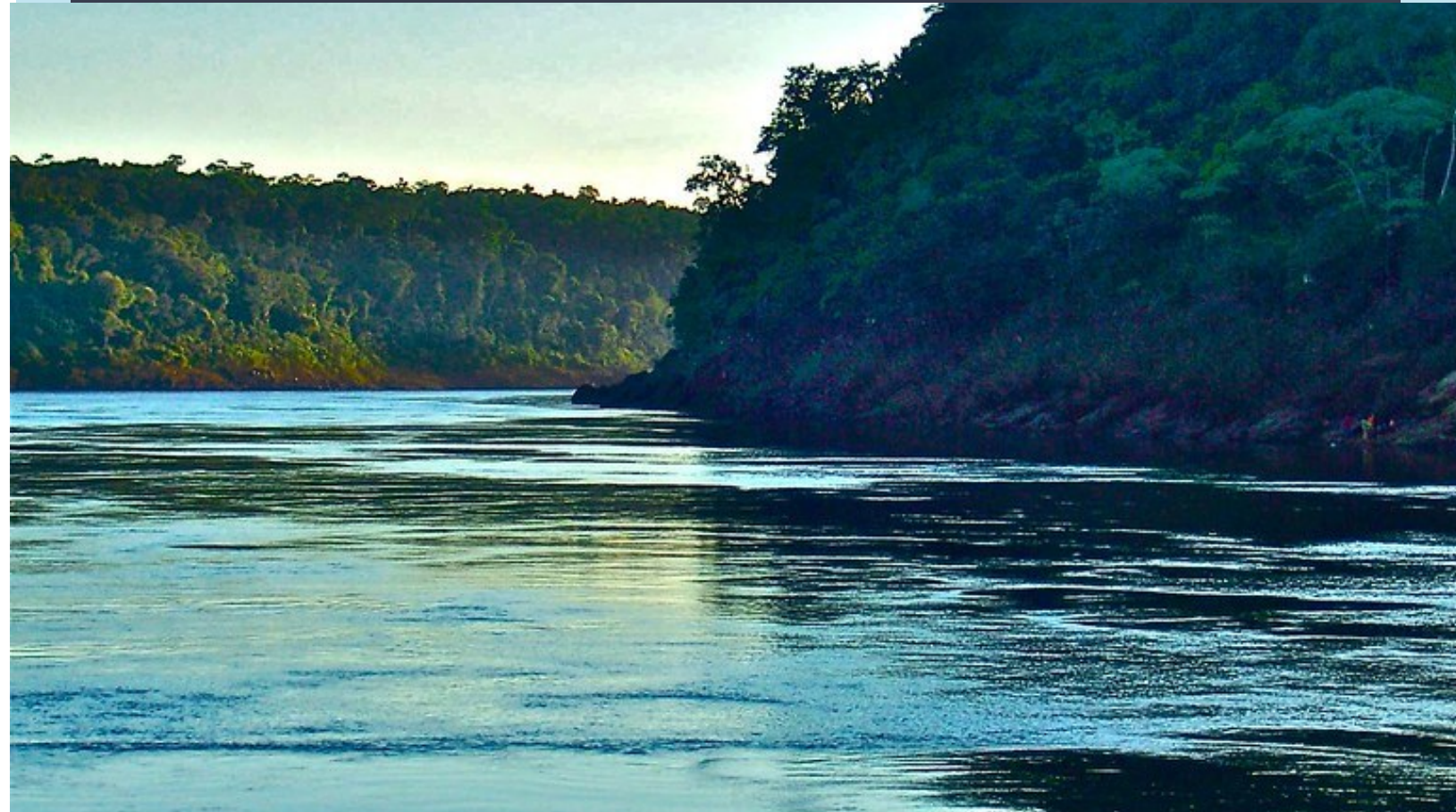
Scripture Memory Verse

Fellowship

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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.