



Cambridge Springs First Church of God

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**GROW and GO!**

*Jesus is the subject!*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME CHANGE**  
**10:30 AM**



Starting Sept. 11

Sun. Growth Studies & Worship Practice: 9:00



# FIRST CHURCH OF GOD CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS

*Grow in and Go with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## From the Heart of "PK"

Jesus instructs us in the Great Commission, which needs to be the driving force to all we do, to go into all the world and make disciples of Him. Disciple making must start, however, within the Church. Furthermore, this effort never ends and is always entwined with evangelism. I like to use the term "disciplism." As we grow in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (discipleship) we naturally go with the Gospel of Jesus Christ (evangelism), and we do not grow without going, without living out and sharing the Good News. A main purpose of Christ's Body is to

make disciples, and this must continually be focused upon. As He did in the early church, God multiplies disciples, and I trust He will do that in our midst as we wholeheartedly follow Him. Basically, I am writing to say my heart's desire is for this body of believers to have a culture of discipleship, something I see needing much improvement. I want to see a mighty movement of God within our midst as we spur one another on in Gospel growth and impact!

A discipleship culture is not effectively built and maintained simply during Sunday morning worship. These weekly times of

worship are crucial, but they cannot be our end all/be all focus! They cannot be the only times we catch up with one another or do life with anyone within the church. That is surface level, and God calls us to go deeper. Sunday worship is the start, not the totality. Growing disciples of Christ are investing in their relationships with Him and each other and living out our mission, not just filling a seat on Sundays.

Discipleship, just as it did with Jesus and those physically following Him, requires relationship. It is all about relationships! And relationships, both with

Christ and with one another, take work. We must foster relationships that are encouraging and equipping one another in following Christ. Discipleship programming is needed, but discipleship is not a program. Mentorship is needed. Desire to grow and initiative to make deeper connections and lead

are needed. Prioritization is needed. This is something God has given me with the task of leading, but it does not end with me or simply fall on my shoulders. It involves all who truly desire to increasingly know the heart of Jesus and grow His heart within them. And it is Spirit led. I do not have answers to

share with you right now, and I am filled with questions for God on the matter. And that is okay! I only wanted to share this desire, which is a desire I hope you share and is also an ongoing prayer request for this church. Navigating the issue and process of discipleship is a continual journey as a church. I am willing

to try whatever. I am always open to change, as growth requires such. I am willing to fail forward. I am looking for those who want to jump on board.

“Making disciples is the litmus test for a healthy church.” Brandon Lenhart.

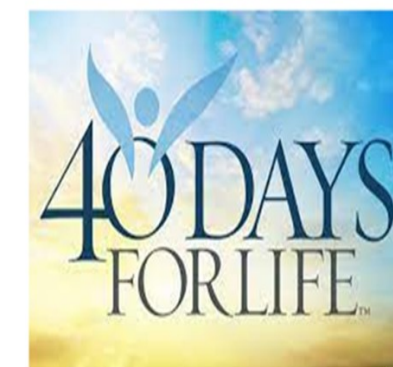
### Who are you inviting?

Several excellent opportunities have been shared in this newsletter. More important than any of these ministries and events, we are all invited to experience salvation through Jesus Christ and relationship with Him! Therefore, a logical question is this, “Who are you inviting?” Who are you striving to bring into our fellowship and, most importantly, into eternal fellowship with God? People usually will not come or respond if they are not first invited. If we truly care, we will share!

Who is on your list of unbelievers that you are regularly praying for and striving to live out and share the Gospel with? If you do not have such people in your mind or in your life, you are highly encouraged to ask God to bring them into your life and mind. We are all called to be ambassadors of Christ and His Good News!

### Updated Directory Booklet

To contact one another we must have contact information. Therefore, an updated church directory book will be made available soon. Be looking for this on the table in the church lobby.



Prayer in  
Erie's Perry Square  
After lunch together  
**Sunday, Oct. 23**

### From the Pulpit



In September and October Pastor Kevin will be finishing the summer series, “Unsung Heroes of the Bible,” and beginning to speak on the book of Acts. The focus on Acts (short for “Acts of the Apostles”) will be on imitating the first church. If we are to be the First Church of God we are led to be we should follow the first church’s example. This book is packed full of inspiration and instruction, and we are going to dive into it until transitioning at Christmas time. We will then likely go back to Acts in aim of learning to be more of a Spirit infused, Gospel focused, disciple multiplying, and culture impacting community of bold believers.



### Bettering the Bridge

Our Bettering the Bridge campaign to better the activity center to better reach our community is underway and began with a great First Fruits Offering. We received a number of pledges, if kept will allow this project to be a success. We could always use more if God enables you to do so.

The outdoor renovations will begin and end in September while the inside renovations will be complete by the end of October. All the work should be completed before the next newsletter is printed.

### There's an app for that...

Did you know this line is now true of our church? Yes, our church now has an app for your phone. To connect with the app, download the MinistryOne app in your phone’s app store. Then connect with Cambridge Springs First Church of God. This app is being developed, so not much is on that. The plan is for that to change in coming months. It will become a place for online giving, prayer requests, sending communication, listening to sermons, and seeing announcements.

# Welcome Team Schedule

Date	Sanctuary	Parking Lot	Doors
Sept 4	Lorene Fosburg	David Spaid, Aaron Davidson	Steve Dies,
Sept 11	Darlene Roudybush	Scott Spaid, Bus Stivanson	Debbe Davidson, Lisa Harned
Sept 18	Lorene Fosburg	David Spaid	Steve Dies, Aaron Davidson
Sept 25	Darlene Roudybush	David Spaid, Bus Stivanson	Debbe Davidson, Scott Spaid
Oct 2	Lorene Fosburg	Aaron Davison	Steve Dies, Lisa Harned
Oct 9	Darlene Roudybush	Steve Dies, Bus Stivanson	Lisa Harned, Aaron Davison
Oct 16	Lorene Fosburg	David Spaid, Aaron Davidson	Steve Dies
Oct 23	Darlene Roudybush	Scott Spaid, Bus Stivanson	Debbe Davidson, Lisa Harned
Oct 30	Lorene Fosburg	David Spaid	Steve Dies, Aaron Davidson

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

## Baptism

Baptism is one of the most meaningful and beautiful acts we partake in as believers and as a church! If you have decided to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord but have not been baptized, this is a step of obedience, faith, and declaration you are highly encouraged to take. Please talk with Pastor Kevin if you want to be baptized, and we will schedule a time to do so ASAP. While baptizing on Easter Sunday is amazing, such an important act of worship and celebration does not need to wait until then.



*And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' Acts 22:16*

## Get Connected, Stay Informed

Get connected and stay informed by following us on our web page at <https://csfcog.org/> and on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/csfcog>

## Benevolence Team

Interested in serving on the Benevolence Team? Please contact Chuck Karcher. We are looking for volunteers to be ready to make a meal or provide a dessert when needed.

The Benevolence Team is a important way to provide care for people in the church.

**Benevolence**  
Taking Care of God's Family

## Day of Prayer and Fasting

Prayer is essential for the Church! Everything we are and everything we do must be founded upon it. Fasting, which is a biblical concept, is a good spiritual discipline to add to times of prayer, heightening our focus upon God and signifying our hunger for Him and His work. We are going to have a day set aside for prayer and fasting as a church on Wednesday, Sept. 28, and everyone is encouraged to participate. We will conclude our time of fasting with a prayer gathering at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

If you cannot attend the prayer gathering, you can still partici-

pate throughout the day. Please be looking for more information as the date approaches, as Pastor Kevin may provide a list of possible prayer topics and scripture.



## Giving Options

We have many ways to give your tithe and offerings. Envelopes in the tithe boxes, through the mail, online at <https://csfcog.org/online-giving>, or the scan QR code to the left.



Tithe envelopes are scheduled to arrive in October. Be sure to pick yours up when they are available.

## September Events

- Sept. 11** Time Change—Church begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 11** Dominican Republic Women's Conference at Lyona Bible Church Gym 12-4 p.m.
- Sept. 16** Football Concession Stand 6 p.m.
- Sept. 23** Second Harvest Food Bank at noon at CS Carnival Grounds
- Sept. 24** Men of Grace Revival
- Sept. 28** Day of Prayer and Fasting  
Prayer service at 6 p.m.

## October Events

- Oct. 5** Growth Group at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 9** Combined worship service with CMA at CSFCOG
- Oct. 12** Growth Group at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 9** Growth Group at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 23** 40 Days of Life Prayer in Perry Square
- Oct. 26** Growth Group at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 27** Trunk or Treat—pass out candy for CS trick or treat
- Oct. 28** Second Harvest Food Bank at noon at CS Carnival Grounds
- Oct. 30** Items due for Operation Christmas Child

## Looking Ahead...

- Nov. 6** Operation Christmas Child Pizza & Packing Party
- Nov. 18** Second Harvest Food Bank at noon at CS Carnival Grounds
- Nov. 18-20** Thirst Youth Convention

## Schedules For Sept/Oct

### NURSERY

- Sept. 4** Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
- Sept. 11** Mollie Yanc
- Sept. 18** Kim Hurst, Makenzie Yanc
- Sept. 25** Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
- Oct. 2** Mollie Yanc
- Oct. 9** Kim Hurst, Makenzie Yanc
- Oct. 16** Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
- Oct. 23** Mollie Yanc
- Oct. 30** Kim Hurst, Makenzie Yanc

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Sept. 4** Heather Whitney
- Sept. 11** Sarah Myers
- Sept. 18** Heather Whitney
- Sept. 25** Sarah Myers
- Oct. 2** Heather Whitney
- Oct. 9** Sarah Myers
- Oct. 16** Heather Whitney
- Oct. 23** Sarah Myers
- Oct. 30** Heather Whitney

### PRAISE TEAM-Heather Whitney

- Sept. 11** Darla, Finley, Makenzie, Margie
- Sept. 18** Kim, Madison, Martha, Mollie
- Sept. 25** Darla, Finley, Makenzie, Margie
- Oct. 2** Kim, Finley, Makenzie, Martha
- Oct. 9** Darla, Mollie, Margie, Madison
- Oct. 16** Kim, Finley, Makenzie Martha,
- Oct. 23** Darla, Finley, Makenzie, Margie
- Oct. 30** Kim, Mollie, Martha, Madison

Thanks to all who are serving in these ministries!

# September 2022

Service Growth Groups/Praise Team 9:00 a.m.  
Times Worship 10:30 a.m.

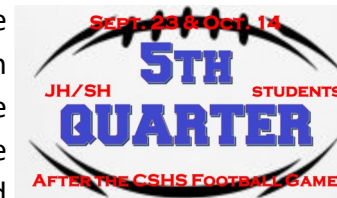
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Grief Share	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5 	6	7	8 Grief Share	9	10
11 Church Starts at 10:30 a.m.	12	13	14	15 Grief Share	16 Football Concession Stand	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23 2nd Harvest Food Bank 5th Quarter	24 Men of Grace Revival
25	26	27	28 Day of Prayer & Fasting 6 p.m.	29	30	

## October 2022 *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday	3	4	5 Growth Group 6 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Combined Worship Service at FCOG	10	11	12 Growth Group 6 p.m.	13	14 5th Quarter	15
16	17	18	19 Growth Group 6 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Growth Group 6 p.m.	27 	28 2nd Harvest Food Bank	29
30 Operation Christmas Child Items Due	31					

### 5th Quarter

We are going to provide junior and senior high students a fun and safe activity after two home games. Please spread the word about our **5th Quarters** happening on **Sept. 23** and **Oct. 14**.



Coinciding with the activities center renovation plans, the first one will be inside while the second one will be outside in the pavilion (which will have electrical outlets and lights by then) and around a fire. Several volunteers will be needed these evenings to welcome students, serve food, connect with students, and maintain a positive and safe environment.

### Concession Stand Help Needed

Can you help serve our students and community this fall during the high school football season? We are running the concession stand at Baird Field on Friday, September 16. Several volunteers will be needed for this good time serving together. Please sign up on the sheet in the church lobby. Please arrive to the concession stand around 6:00 that evening.



### Men's Revival

Saturday, Sept. 24

French Creek Valley Community School in Saegertown

Talk with Chuck Karcher or Ken Hurst for more information.

### Growth Group

An eight week Growth Group is starting on Wednesday, October 5 at 6.p.m. This will be a video series by Louie Giglio titled The Acts of the Apostles to coincide with Pastor Kevin's sermon series on the book of Acts. All adults and youth are welcome. There will be a 20 minute video, discussion time and daily readings.

Interested in leading your own Growth Group? Please contact Pastor Kevin.



### Serving Saturdays

Summer is over, but we are still going to have a least one more Serving Saturday coming up. The plan is to do some work in the church classrooms; preparing them for new flooring, painting, putting up blinds, organizing, etc. Please be looking for information on dates and activities.

### Operation Christmas Child

While fall is just beginning, Christmas will be here before you know it. For millions of children around the world their Christmas presents come in a shoebox from Samaritan's Purse. For the 3rd year in a row, we are going to participate in this impactful ministry. Our pizza and packing party will be November 6. We will have donation tags available soon, but don't have to wait, you can pick things up when you see them on sale. Items will be due Sunday, October 30. Our goal this year is to pack 100 boxes full of blessings which is 18 more than last year. Join the fun and be a blessing to a child in need.



### Nursery Volunteers Needed

A well maintained and run nursery is essential to being a church that is welcoming to young families. If you love children and can commit to being on the nursery volunteer schedule, please contact Pastor or Sarah. As with working with children anywhere you will need to submit current clearances.