

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	2 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm 7:00 Women	3 6:15am Men's Grp 7:00pm <i>Tenebrae Service</i>	4
5 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	6 9:30 Women 6:30 Precepts	7 10:00 MAKs 7:00 Congr. Care Comm. 7:00 Property	8 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	9 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm 7:00 Women	10 6:15am Men's Grp Wm Movie Night 7:30pm Club 180	11 6:00am Men's Leaders 7:30 Next Man Up
12 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 12:00 Student Fundraiser 5:00 Prayer	13 9:30 Women 6:30 Precepts 6:30 Outreach	14 4:30 Women's Ministries 7:00 Youth	15 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	16 12:00 Men's Lunch 1:30 Quilting 6:30 Worship Tm 7:00 Women	17 6:15am Men's Grp 7:30pm Club 180	18 9:00 Women's Breakfast & Bible
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Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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I've Been Thinking about . . . God's Training Program

By Pastor Chris

Airlines train pilots in simulators. In the simulator, pilots experience emergencies—bad weather, mechanical failures, their own pilot error—in private. One pilot tells me that these simulated emergencies look, sound, and feel so real that he exits the simulator sweating and shaking. This private training is designed to produce right responses to real emergencies during real flights. Private preparation averts public disaster.

Sometimes, God puts us under private pressure to train us for right responses to public pressure.

The shroud of darkness drapes heavily upon the pacific garden of Messiah's private pressure. Jesus is soon to undergo the agonies of the cross. The Righteous One will be crushed for our iniquities under the outpouring of the cup of God's wrath against all our sin. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus withdraws by himself and prays privately, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Lk 22:42). Physically, the private pressure is so crushing that it squeezes his blood into his sweat (Lk 22:44). Spiritually, the private pressure is so intense that his soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death (Mk 14:34). Jesus continues to pray, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done" (Mt 26:42). Under private pressure, Jesus aligns himself with the Father's will in private prayer, thereby preparing to obey the Father's will under the public pressure soon to arrive.

While Jesus prays, the disciples sleep. Three times Jesus walks over to them, only to find them slumbering. Jesus has urged his disciples to watch and pray in this private now, so as not to fall into temptation under approaching public pressure. But instead of preparing in private, the disciples doze in stupor.

Boots in the brush! Swords flashing under torches! Judas the perfidious arrives with the mob sent to arrest Jesus. Judas grazes Messiah's cheek with his lips—the kiss of death. That's the signal; the mob arrests Jesus. The public pressure has just slammed upon Jesus and his disciples.

The disciples make their first wrong response to the public pressure—fight. They ask Jesus,

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Women's Ministries



Breakfast & Bible Study

Sat., April 18 - 9-11:00am

True Women 101

Please sign-up at the Info Booth



AWANA Club Corner

AWANA Special Dates

April 15 - AWANA Carnival!

April 22 - T&T Talent Show

HAPPENINGS IN CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Did you know??

Our Congregational Care Commission continues to be active. We enjoyed meeting newcomers to our church at the Newcomers Luncheon on Sunday, March 8th. It was a great time of fellowship & delicious food, prepared by Paulette & Paul Born and others on the Commission.

On April 11th a group from our church family will be attending the dinner theater at North Heights Lutheran Church in Roseville. During the Easter season there will be several performances of the play, "Beyond the Room--the Resurrection Story". The stories presented are always amazing, and the dinners are exceptional.

Did you know that Congregational Care provides a children's Bible to parents of new babies in our church family?

Recently new towels have been purchased for our kitchens, but several are missing. If you have taken home towels to launder after an event, but have forgotten to bring them back, please return them.

More Congregational Care news will be coming in the months ahead!

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"Shall we strike with our swords?" One disciple draws his sword and cuts off the ear of the high priest's servant (Luke 22:49-50).

Jesus makes his first right response to the public pressure—righteous love. He rebukes his friends the disciples and heals his enemy the high priest's servant (Luke 22:51).

Jesus makes his second right response to the public pressure—submission to the Father's will as revealed in Scripture. Jesus declares, "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way? . . . This has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled" (Mt 26:53-54, 56). Jesus publicly submits to the Father's will for the fulfillment of Scripture, all the way to the cross.

The disciples make their second wrong response to the public pressure—flight. They all desert Jesus and flee (Mt 26:56).

Jesus has prepared himself under private pressure. He has prayed, aligning himself with the Father's will. So when the public pressure comes, he is prepared to make the right public responses. The disciples have not prepared themselves under private pressure. They have not prayed. They have slept. So when the public pressure comes, they are not prepared to make the right public responses. They make the wrong responses.

Sometimes, God puts us under private pressure to prepare us for right responses to public pressure. Do we want to honor God publicly by right responses to public pressure? If so, then let us submit to God's private training program.

At the deeps of the ocean floor, the water pressure is crushing. Yet under such intense pressure, certain species of fish swim painlessly and freely. What's their secret? The internal pressure inside their bodies equals the ocean's pressure outside their bodies. Likewise, private preparation produces inner strength equal to public pressure.

Just For Fun . . .

A mother was teaching her three-year-old the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, the child repeated it after the mother. Then one night the child was ready to solo, and the mother listened with pride to the carefully enunciated words, right up to the end, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from e-mail."

Don't Forget the Men!

By Grace Galvin & Julie Frazier

"Don't forget the outreach the guys have", commented one of the faithful men who serves at our Celebrate the Gift event after reading last month's article.

It is certainly easy for us women to get caught up in the beauty of the evening and our thoughts of outreach to the women we've invited, without giving much thought to what goes on behind the scenes.

The men who serve at Celebrate the Gift have shared that it is not only a time of fun fellowship, but also an opportunity for them to reach out to other men. Last year was a great example of outreach by the men to the high school boys hockey team, who served at the event. Many on the hockey team expressed they would like to do it again. We may only guess at what seeds were planted in the hearts of the young men serving, but God knows.

The Bible teaches us the important roles men play as servants to the Lord and as leaders in the household.

1 Peter 5:2-3

"Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."

We must also not underestimate the impact on the women attending the event, who witnessed the men in our community serving God. We pray they may share their positive experience with others in their home.

As we think OUTREACH, let's not forget it also serves as an outreach to the men of our church and our community.

Sunday Service Announcement Guidelines

Purpose: To provide a personal avenue of communicating pertinent information impacting the church body. The announcement should give people the "Next step" to participate in whatever activity they are communicating about.

Format: Every Worship service will offer not more than, two, 60 second slots at the beginning of each service. This can be filled by a video, group skit or the assigned worship leader in charge of communicating verbal announcements.

Content: Each announcement should include this information:

- ♦ **WHAT** is the need?
- ♦ **WHO** is needed?
- ♦ **WHERE** is this taking place?
- ♦ **WHEN** is this happening?

Again, the purpose of this content is to move the people onto the next step. It's not designed to give a comprehensive explanation of the event or need you have.

Submission deadline: All announcements (verbal, bulletin, Wednesday Email, etc) will be due every Wednesday by 8AM. You can fill out a form in the church office or email the announcements to ccc@cccefca.com.

Thank you!