



**Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!**

June 25, 2017

9:00 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary
KidZone for infant thru 6th grade
KidZone 1st floor

10:30 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary
KidZone for infant thru 5th grade
Outbreak Uprising 6-8th grade
2nd floor aud.
Adult Class in room 105
Women Cup of Tea in room 106
Outdoorsmen in 2nd floor alcove

A SNAPSHOT OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

SETTING | It's approximately 95 AD - 60 years after Jesus died and 30 years after the events in Acts and persecution against Jesus' followers is heating up. John, the last living apostle, is exiled from the Roman Empire to a remote island, called Patmos, because of his influence in the Jesus movement. While John sits alone in exile, Jesus appears to him in all his glory and tells John to record what he sees.

THE SEVEN LETTERS | Jesus sends letters to churches under John's care in Asia Minor to commend, rebuke and encourage them as they await his return. Jesus wants his people to be a source of light in the world (Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 2:10). These letters tell them how they are doing.

GENRE | Revelation is unique in the New Testament. Scholars refer to it as an "apocalyptic literature," which simply means it uses symbols, visions, and supernatural imagery to communicate its message (similar to Daniel and Ezekiel in the Old Testament).

THE FORGETFUL CHURCH - Letter 1: EPHEBUS

POPULATION | Over 250,000

RELIGION | Home of the Great Temple of Artemis, the center for worship of the goddess Artemis (Greek) or Diana (Roman)

ECONOMY | The commercial center of Asia Minor in the first century, Ephesus was not only significant to the broader culture at the time, the city was very important in the context of the ancient Christian world. It played a key role in the early years of the Christian movement.

RESPONSE TO CHRIST | Paul had his most successful ministry in Ephesus. So many people became followers of Jesus here that the church became one of the most significant influences in early Christianity. It was known as the mother church in Asia Minor.

WRITINGS | “While in Ephesus, John wrote his gospel, three letters and possibly the book of Revelation (after his return to Patmos). Three of Paul’s letters relate to Ephesus: Ephesians and 1 and 2 Timothy. And it is thought that possibly the two letters of Peter and that of Jude originated in that region.” (Halley’s Bible Handbook, Zondervan, p. 841).

SUMMARY

Revelation 2:1-7

While Ephesus had much influence and significance, the Ephesian Church receives a strong warning from Christ (Revelation 2:1-7) - “I know your hard work but you have forsaken your first love.” The Ephesians were commended for doctrinal knowledge and zeal, but they lacked one thing - devotion to their first love. The church in Ephesus held true to solid teaching and persevered in troubled times. They wisely protected their people from false prophets and condemned the licentious living of the Nicolaitans. However, their love grew cold. Jesus’ warning to them speaks of the high priority of always holding onto heartfelt love for Jesus and all that he has done for us. While no one deserves it, He came to break through death, sin, despair and darkness so we could walk with him on this earth.

The Kid Zone

Love God. Love Others. Light Your World.

Today in Kid Zone:

The Bible Story: Israel Demanded a King

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 8-10

The Main Point: God chose Saul as Israel's first king.

The Big Picture Question: Who is our king? Jesus is our King, and he rules over the world.

June Memory Verse: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

Family Discussion Starters:

- Israel wanted a king so they could be like other nations. How was demanding a king the same as rejecting God?
- God chose Saul as Israel's first king. Why do you think Saul was afraid to be king?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be our King forever?
- Family Activity: Make paper crowns and wear them while reviewing the story.
- Play a game of hide and seek, reminding your kids that Saul hid with the supplies.



VBS Starts in 14 Days!

How can you still join the fun?

- Join a VBS work day! Work times are held every Wednesday at 7-8:30 pm every Saturday 9am-noon.
- Donate clean soup and vegetable cans.
- Volunteer to be a crew leader, greeter, or registration helper on the next page!
- Pray for VBS! Daily prayer requests are posted on our Facebook page CLC Kid Zone or on Twitter @clckidzone.



**Christian Life Center
Vacation Bible
School!**



**Bee a part of the 2017
VBS Adventure!**

July 10-14: 3 years- Kindergarten

July 17-21: First through Sixth Grades

**To register your child to attend, go to
clcfamily.church and click on the VBS Link**

**To volunteer, fill this out and leave it in the
offering plate or at the Kid Zone desk**

- Crew Leader
- Registration
- Group Leader (Adults only)
- Supply Preparation
- Set Building
- Decorating



1st week _____ 2nd week _____

Name _____

Email or Phone _____

**Are you in: _____7th grade (Preschool week
only.) _____8th grade _____ High School
_____ College _____ Adult**

Dorney Park & Wildwood Adventures

JUNE 26th 2017

\$60 PER PERSON
SIGN UP BY JUNE 22ND

SIGN UP BY TODAY!

LEAVE: 8:00 AM || RETURN: 9:00 PM

JULY 13TH

\$10 PER PERSON

DUE BY JULY 9TH

MINI golf & STRASBURG CREAMERY

LEAVE 6:00PM || RETURN 10:15PM

OUTBREAK

ProTown BMX

July 20th

7:15pm: Ride with the Pros
8:00pm: Showtime

Doors Open 6:30pm

ProTown

Come join us as we welcome ProTown BMX on Thursday July 20th. They will be performing a BMX stunt show, answering questions, signing autographs, and you'll even have an opportunity to ride with the pros! Bring your bike if you're interested in learning some basic BMX tricks and take advantage of this awesome opportunity! This is a free event for middle school, high school, and any families interested in attending. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Ride with the Pros starts at 7:15pm. Stunt Show starts at 8:00pm. For more information contact the office or visit our website at OutbreakYM.com.

A waiver needs to be signed for participants in Ride with the Pros.

Ministries and Groups for Adults

Coming Soon...

Discovering your God-given Spiritual Gifts July 2nd and July 9th at 9 am and 10:30 AM in room 212 upstairs.

God has given each believer Spiritual Gifts.

What if you could serve here at the CLC,

and the opportunity would fill your

heart, match your God-given abilities,

fit your personality, and personal life

experiences? If that kind of Spirit-guided service appeals to

you, then join Gary ArnTessoni on a personal journey in

Discovering Your God-Given Spiritual Gifts. At the seminar you

will determine your gifts, learn how to develop them, and

discover opportunities to utilize your gifts to serve God.



Connections: today!

Interested in getting more involved at CLC? Looking for ways to

connect in service and community? If so stop by the

Connections table in the Café area TODAY, Sunday July 2nd and

9th and find some ways to connect.

The Shack Discussion:

First the book, now the movie.

Come and Explore the mystery

of the Trinity! August 6, 13, and 20

at 10:30 in room 220 upstairs.



Care Team

The care team exists to serve and walk with people during life's difficult seasons.

We all need a hand of help and care from

time to time. If you are facing difficult times,

or know someone who is, let us know so we can

share God's love and care. For more information

about the Care Team and what they do, contact Pastor Gary.



Check us out at: clcfamily.church/adults

Use the Sign Up page for registrations and the Response Card page for questions

Home Group/Small Groups. Looking for ways to grow and connect with others? Join or start a home group . . . contact Gary at garntessoni@gmail.com

Men's Monday Night Group. 7:00pm in the second floor Aud. All men are welcome!

Women's Summer Schedule. 1) **NOW thru July 5, 9:30-11:30.** Featuring a short video series titled LOVE DOES by Bob Goff. A study guide and book of the same name is available on Amazon. **If you have a need for childcare, please indicate that on the tear off portion of the bulletin and hand it in!** Thank you!
 2) **GtoG (Generation to Generation) Meeting** to plan GtoG events, starting with Summer movies (Including The Shack) and then more activities/events to bring all the women of CLC together. Please join us with your ideas – Wednesday, June 28, 7:00pm in room 212. 3) **Summer Book Club!** – read the book “Hearts of Fire” by the Voice of the Martyrs – “8 women in the Underground Church and their stories of costly faith” (some copies available in the church office or order from amazon (used) - Christianbook.com has an eBook option...) THEN, we will meet and discuss on Tuesday, July 25th, 7:00 p.m. in room 212. Bring a drink for yourself and some can bring a snack to share.

Urban Promise Needs Summer Camp Volunteers!! Obligation is leading an activity **once a week (one hour – 1:50-2:50pm Mondays thru Thurs. – your choice of day!)** for 6 weeks with 8-12 campers June 26 – August 4. If you have questions and would like to explore ideas contact Lori at UP Wilmington Phone: 302-425-5502 or 484-643-2911; Email: lori@urbanpromise.org

Operation Christmas Child Collections!! For the month of JUNE we are targeting: blow up beach balls, small bouncy balls, nerf balls, small craft kits. \$7 Donations for shipping per shoebox, \$32 for 100 shoeboxes; There is a bin in the lobby for your donations. Thank you!!

Family Promise is coming up fast!! July 2 - July 9 *Mission statement: Family Promise of Southern Chester County is organized to help children and their families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and stability by providing shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services through a network of congregations and volunteers.* We are one of those congregations and you are their volunteers Areas where you can serve: food prep, set up and tear down, as evening or overnight hosts. Please check Response Page if you can help!

Family Promise is looking for part time van drivers! Hours are Sunday through Saturday, 5:45am – 7:15am, 5:45pm – 7:15pm. No special driver's license is needed. Great opportunity to serve our families in a very personal way, great job for retired people! We are also looking for helpers with our Moving Team who helps families move into their new homes! Call Sue Minarchi 610-444-0400 or 484-433-7939.

Unique Opportunity for a Living Donor of Partial Liver. Jen Dixon is in need of a living donor to give her a portion of their liver. In 9 months both Jen and her donor would have full livers again! Any blood type is acceptable. If you would like more information please contact the Penn Transplant Institute 800-789-7366 or PennMedicine.org/Transplant and let them know this is for Jenny Dixon, 153 Old Limestone Road, Oxford, PA. Jen's insurance covers the donor's evaluation and hospitalization costs.

Please Welcome Our New Members Today!! **9:00:** Joe and Jess Abernethy, John and Lindsay Beard, Jeff and Carrie Bierlein, Dan Cooper, Mark Freisleben, Dusty and Lisa McKeown, Bud Neiman, Julie Roberts, KJ Swiger, Lindsay and Eric Ziegenfuss
10:30: Sharon Cahill, Glen and Kim Nealley, Joanne Preston.
 WELCOME! It's great to have you join the CLC family!! Unable to attend today - Kelli and Zach McNichol, Johannah Santucci, Laura and Mike Woodin

COMING SOON

JULY**2-9**

FAMILY PROMISE AT NLPC | Helping the homeless - See bulletin to volunteer!

JULY**10-21**

VBS PRESCHOOL (1st week)

VBS GRADES 1-6th (2nd week)



Today's Songs: Good Good Father – Chris Tomlin, Build My Life – Brittany Mondesir, You are My All in All – Dennis Jernigan, Heart of Worship – Matt Redman

Please drop this in the baskets at the doors or turn it in at the Welcome Center.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

KidZone: I would like to be a greeter or help with registration

Women's Summer Bible Study

I am in need of childcare for child(ren) ages _____

I am interested in joining the Care Team

Family Promise!

I would like to help with food prep

I would like to help with set up and tear down

I will be an evening host OR overnight host

Please contact me. I have questions!

Please drop this in the baskets at the doors or turn it in at the Welcome Center.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check all that apply:

- This is my first time at the CLC
- I would like to talk with someone about my relationship with Jesus
- Please change my contact info
- Sign me up to receive Pastor’s Blog
- Becoming a member of the CLC
- Serving at the CLC
- Finding a Small Group
- Other: _____
- Men’s Group
- Women’s Group
- Parents of Young Children Group
- Senior’s Group
- Youth Ministry
- Children’s Ministry
- Adult Bible Classes

1 Corinthians 12:26,27 *“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”* Are you, a family member, or a friend (from CLC or otherwise) in need? CLC’s Care Ministry is available to communicate God’s love and care.

****If you need prayer you may go to the Library area following either of the two services, fill out above or submit prayer requests to: CLCFamily125@gmail.com**