



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

July 2, 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



Smyrna

8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.— yet you are rich! I know about your afflictions and poverty. I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.”

Revelation 2:8-11

8 “To the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, **who died and came to life again.**

Myrrh preserved a body for the afterlife. Smyrna had been destroyed in 600 BC but Alexander the Great inspired its rebuild, its “coming back to life”

Q: In what ways do you notice God ‘speaking’ to you through your history and the symbols of your world

—yet **you are rich!**

Q: In what ways do you consider your rich simply because you trust Jesus? Will that sense of richness remain if you find yourself suffering unjustly?

I know about your afflictions and poverty

Q: Are you aware that Jesus is totally aware of the particulars of your life?

I know about **the slander of** those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of **Satan.**

Reflect

One form of persecution is that of the spiritual forces of darkness are working to destroy you. Satan (Hebrew), Devil (Greek), mean accuser, slanderer

Q: Each of us will suffer. Do you tend to view yourself blessed when suffering absent. Can you identify a time when you recognized how blessed you are in the midst of suffering?

I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution **for ten days**.

Reflect

“10 days” is a metaphor for “limited period of time”. Never forget that suffering is never the last thing in a believer’s life. Resurrection, renewal, restoration, reclamation always, always, always follow.

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I **will give you life as your victor’s crown**.

Reflect

The reason I can remain faithful even in the worst of times is because God is faithful and won’t give up on me. Abundant Life is my reward (John 10:10) if I believe and never give up.

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**.

Reflect

The word for church in the Bible means “gathered together ones”. Jesus is present in the community of believers. Your strength in the regular worshipping, eating together, doing life together, reading the bible together, praying together community of believers. Jesus is found there and it is there that he strengthens us.

The one who is victorious will **not be hurt at all by the second death**.

Reflect

Each of us faces physical death. However believers do not face the eternal experience of living the horror of the regret and pain of a lifeless existence apart from God

Q: As best as you can now answer, are you willing to maintain your loyalty to Jesus even as you are threatened with death?

Get Informed about the world-wide Persecution of Christians

Voice of the Martyrs www.persecution.com

Open Doors www.opendoorsusa.org/christianpersecution/

Christian Post www.christianpostt.com

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Ministries and Groups for Adults

Today...

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, and July 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

The Kid Zone

Love God. Love Others. Light Your World.

Today in Kid Zone:

The Bible Story: God Rejected Saul as King

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 13:1-14, 15:1-35

The Main Point: God rejected Saul as king because of his sin.

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

July Memory Verse: Psalm 83:18 "Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord- that you alone are the Most High over all the earth."

Family Discussion Starters:

- What do you think Saul really cared about with his sacrifice?
- Why is hard to trust God when we have to wait for things that we want right away?
- **Family Activity:** Play "King of the Hill" with your kids. Talk to them about how God decided to replace Saul with an obedient king.



VBS Starts in 7 Days!

How can you still join the fun?

- Help us decorate the church Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9am-Noon. All ages welcome!
- Donate clean soup and vegetable cans.
- Don't wait, volunteer today! This will be your last opportunity...no walk-in volunteers are permitted once VBS has started, for the kids' safety.
- 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

JULY 13TH **\$10 PER PERSON** **DUE BY JULY 9TH**

MINI golf
& **STRASBURG CREAMERY**

OUTDOOR

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



ProTown BMX

July 20th

7:15pm: Ride with the Pros
8:00pm: Stunt show
6:30pm: Doors Open



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.

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

SUMMER BREAK

AUGUST 1ST - SEPTEMBER 1ST

OUTDOOR



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. Last meeting for video series LOVE DOES - July 5, 9:30-11:30. Join us for our 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.

Operation Christmas Child Collections!! For the month of JULY we are targeting: School supplies (pencils, pens, sharpeners, colored pencils, notebooks, sunglasses, flip flops. \$7 Donations for shipping per shoebox, \$32 for 100 shoeboxes; There is a bin in the lobby for your donations. Thank you!!

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.

Guatemala Mission Trip Interested in a mission trip to El Centro, Peter and Nadia Odulana's ministry in Zone 6 Guatemala City? Theresa OConnor is organizing this mission outreach for adults in January, 2018. (Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. For more information, email Theresa at taoconnor524@gmail.com

Gluten Free Communion is available at the station to the left facing the stage.

COMING SOON

JULY

2-9

FAMILY PROMISE AT NLPC | Helping the homeless!

JULY

10-21

VBS PRESCHOOL (1st week)

VBS GRADES 1-6th (2nd week)

JULY

20

PRO TOWN BMX | 6:30PM – See bulletin for more information



Today's Songs: Open Up the Heavens – Meredith Andrews, Holy Spirit – Francesca Battistelli, Your are My All in All – Denis Jernigan, Speak Away – Maisen Smalley

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

Care Team: I would be interested in joining the Care Team

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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**