



Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

July 9, 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 COMPROMISING CHURCH - Letter 3: Pergamum Revelation 2:12-17

POPULATION | Between 120,000 and 200,000

EDUCATION | Pergamum was home to the second-largest library in the world with some 200,000 volumes (second only to Alexandria, Egypt). Pioneered the use of parchment as a writing material.

ECONOMY | Because Pergamum was not a port city nor on a major trade route, it was known more as a center of culture than commerce.

RELIGION | Pergamum was home of emperor worship and the first temple to a living emperor (Caesar Augustus). The emperors brought peace and stability, so people worshipped them as "lord and god" or "lord and savior". Citizens in the Roman Empire were required by law to offer sacrifices to the emperor as a show of allegiance to Rome. Emperor worship was considered patriotic.

RESPONSE TO CHRIST | When people in Pergamum began to follow Jesus, their patriotism was questioned. For Christians, the titles of Lord, God and Savior were exclusively reserved for Jesus. Christians in Pergamum were in danger every day.

KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM | Because of its impressive library, Pergamum was a center of learning. However, even in the church, this learning did not necessarily result in wisdom. Jesus commends them for remaining "true to my name" but rebukes them for allowing false doctrine to go unaddressed (Revelation 2: 13-15).

SUMMARY

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This week, we continue our series, by exploring the letter written to the church in Pergamum. This was the third letter of 7 written to churches located in Asia Minor in the latest century. The Church in Pergamum remained true to Christ and his teachings even in a culture steeped in emperor worship and satanic practices. Because of its impressive library, Pergamum was a center of learning. However, even in the Church, this learning did not necessarily result in wisdom. Jesus commends them for remaining “true to my name” but rebukes them for allowing false doctrine to go unaddressed (**Revelation 2:13-15**).

Something was wrong. Some in the church held to false teaching that promoted immorality and idolatry - and this was permitted! **Idolatry and Immorality** are two areas the church of Pergamum had allowed to invade their belief system. **Idolatry** is giving anything more prominence, significance or importance than our devotion to Jesus. **Immorality** involves sexual activity that goes beyond what God intended for human relationships. **Immorality** says, “God is withholding. Find more.”

“So many people believe in God but they do not know Him” (Titus 1:16).

“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.” (James 2:19)

Three levels of knowing God

- Level 1: I believe in God, but I don't know Him.
- Level 2: I believe in God, but I don't know Him well.
- Level 3: I believe in God, know Him intimately, and serve Him Wholeheartedly.

THEISM

[thee-iz-uhm]

belief in the existence of God

ATHEISM

[ey-thee-iz-uhm]

disbelief in the existence of God

PRACTICAL ATHEISM

[prak-ti-kuhl ey-thee-iz-uhm]

acting with apathy, disregard, or lack of interest toward belief in God

CHRISTIAN

[kris-chuhn]

one who professes belief in the teachings of Christ

CHRISTIAN ATHEISM

[kris-chuhn ey-thee-iz-uhm]

believing in Christ but living as if He doesn't exist

The Kid Zone

Love God. Love Others. Light Your World.

Today in Kid Zone:

The Bible Story: David Was Anointed and Fought Goliath (I Samuel 16-17)

The Main Point: God gave David the power to defeat Goliath.

The Big Picture Question: Who is our king? Jesus is our King forever.

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:

- God said that He sees the heart. Take time to affirm ways you see God's handiwork in the heart of each family member.



Are You Ready for VBS? Week One Begins Tomorrow!

Week One: Age 3, 4, and entering Kindergarten
July 10-14, 9am-11:45am

Week Two: Kids entering 1st-6th grades
July 17-21 9am-Noon

How can you still help?

- Stay after the second service to help move furniture out of the way to make room for all of our VBS guests this week! See Jeannette in the Café for instructions.
- Donate clean soup and vegetable cans.
- Pray for VBS! Daily prayer requests are posted on our Facebook page CLC Kid Zone or on Twitter @clckidzone.

JULY 13TH **\$10 PER PERSON** **DUE BY JULY 9TH**
MINI golf **SIGN UP TODAY!!**
 & **STRASBURG CREAMERY**

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



OUTBREAK **ProTown BMX** **July 20th**
 6:30pm: Ride with the Pros
 7:15pm: Stunt show
 8:00pm: After Party
 6:00pm: 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 you bike if your 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 6:00pm. Ride with the Pros starts at 6:30pm. Stunt Show starts at 7:15pm. For more information contact the office or visit OutbreakYM.com.

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

SUMMER BREAK
AUGUST 1ST - SEPTEMBER 4TH

OUTBREAK



Ministries and Groups for Adults

Today...

Discovering your God-given Spiritual Gifts 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 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.



The Engage Team

You see them every Sunday morning, their job is to open the door to greet you, and create an engaging and welcoming atmosphere here at CLC.

Engage team members greet visitors and members alike; Usher, help with set up, coffee ministry, serve on the prayer team, and help visitors find ways to connect at CLC. Engage is lead by Dick White. As a church our goal is to engage God and each other in ways that are life changing.

Interested in joining the team? Let us know.

Engage
 GOD AND EACH OTHER

Check us out at: clcfamily.church/adults

Use the Response Card page for questions or Sign Ups!

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 Join us for our Summer Book Club! – read the book “Hearts of Fire” by the Voice of the Martyrs – (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. 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

Serving the Community Through Baking Our PYC children are whipping up some delectable goodies that will be available on the 23rd and 30th! We are partnering with Our Children Making Change to serve our community and be active hands and feet of Jesus! 100% proceeds go to local charities. Come say hi and get a sweet treat! Carbs don't count if it's for a good cause. Look for cute kiddos in purple shirts!



Today's Songs: Fill This Place –The Rooftop EP, Forever Reign – One Sonic Society, Heart of Worship – Matt Redman, Good, Good Father – Chris Tomlin

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**