



Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

August 6, 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
Adult Class in room 105
Women Cup of Tea in room 106
Outdoorsmen in 2nd floor alcove

1 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 LUKEWARM CHURCH - Letter 7: LAODICEA

WEALTH | Laodicea was an extremely rich city. The people so prided themselves on their financial independence that they refused Roman financial aid after an earthquake devastated the city.

MEDICINE | Laodicea had a School of Medicine and was the chief medical center of the region. One of its graduates wrote an influential textbook on the eye, and the city was also known for its eye salve.

TEXTILES | The city was renowned for its soft, raven-black wool, supposedly produced by sheep that drank certain water. This wool was used to make garments for the upper class of society.

WATER | The city's major weakness was its water supply. Because the waters of the Lycus were undrinkable, they received water through an aqueduct built by the Romans. Unfortunately, by the time the cold water arrived from Colossae, or the hot water from the springs in Hierapolis, it was lukewarm.

RELIGION | The major god worshipped in Laodicea was Zeus, the "Father of gods and men." In April, 2011, the head of a statue of Zeus was unearthed in excavations at this city.

SUMMARY

This week, we conclude our series 7 by exploring the final and seventh letter written to the church in Laodicea. It seems that the congregation in Laodicea was filled with self-satisfied churchgoers. They said, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need anyone or anything" (**Revelation 3:17**).

And they were right – materially speaking. They lived in a prosperous banking center, located in a rich, agricultural region at the center of several key trade routes. Laodicea was rebuked because they imagined their spiritual wealth mirrored their city's material wealth. Jesus calls for repentance in **v. 19** and he follows up with a gracious invitation in **v. 20**:

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Eating speaks of fellowship, communion and intimacy. To those who repent and have this close connection to him, Jesus promises a seat on his heavenly throne (**Revelation 3:21**). Jesus doesn't just want to save you – He wants to dine with you, know you, and empower you to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth.

SCRIPTURE | Revelation 3:14-22

14 "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. **15** "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! **16** So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. **17** For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. **18** I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. **19** Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. **21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. **22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

The Kid Zone

Love God. Love Others. Light Your World.

Today in Kid Zone:

The Bible Story: David Sinned and was Restored

Bible Passage: 2 Samuel II:1-12:14; Psalm 51

The Main Point: God forgave David when he repented of his sin.

The Big Picture Question: Who is our king?

Jesus is our King forever, and he rules over the world.

Christ Connection: When David sinned against God, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.

Jesus died the death we deserve so that we could be made right with God.

August Memory Verse: Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days."

Family Discussion Starters:

- Why is sin still bad even if you don't get caught?
- What ways can sin harm us or our relationships?
- How can we be sure God will forgive us of our sins?
- **Family Activity:** Make mini sheep with toothpicks, corks, and cotton balls. Talk to your kids about the story Nathan told David.

SUMMER BREAK



Outbreak will be taking a summer break from August 1st to September 4th to prepare for the next year of ministry! In September we will be kicking back off with an **INCREDIBLE** party that will launch us into the new school year! Details to come, so stay tuned.

OUTBREAK
YOUTH MINISTRY

OUTBREAK YOUTH WORKER MEETING

Next Meeting August 10th

If you currently work with Outbreak Youth Ministry here at the Christian life Center, then please mark your calendars to make our next youth workers meeting. We will be meeting on August 10th, 2017 at 7pm in the upstairs Aud. We will be talking through some upcoming changes and want your input. If you are interested in getting involved with the youth ministry, please contact the office or see Ben Dieterly for more information.

OUTBREAK STUDENTS PARENT MEETING

Come meet our new Sr. Pastor and hear about the upcoming changes in the youth ministry!

SUNDAY | AUGUST 27TH | 6:00^{PM} - 7:30^{PM}
PASTOR JOSH ROBERTS HOME
 222 WHITE OAK DRIVE
 OXFORD, P.A. 19363



Ministries and Groups for Adults

New Members Classes coming up...

Mark a date and let Gary know.

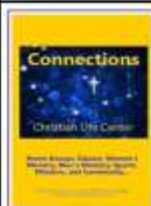
Lunch and childcare provided

October 15, 2017 (12-3PM)



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.



Connections: We all long for meaningful connections, places where we can touch other peoples lives and grow together. If you are looking to get connected at CLC make sure to pick up the connections brochure at the Welcome Center between services. Get connected at CLC!

Saturday Bible Seminar

Reading the Bible for all it is worth.

September 16th 9:30-11:30

Workshop Leader: Pastor Gary

Come, and join in!



Celebrate Recovery®

Interested in helping start a Celebrate Recovery Ministry at the Christian Life Center? Contact pastor Gary at garntessoni@gmail.com



Check us out at: clcfamily.church/adults

Use the Response Card page for questions or Sign Ups!



Save Sunday, Sept. 24, 4:30-7:00pm for fabulous fun, games, food (bring a dish to share) and fellowship at CLC, as we launch into our fall schedule. An event “not to be missed” for all generations! Be praying about who to invite to come “taste and see”!

Zumba Trial Classes! August 7 & 14th, 6:15pm, \$6 per class (some proceeds go to CLC Outreach) If there is enough interest, we will have weekly classes beginning after Labor Day. For info contact Kerry Hogan km2rrh@gmail.com or 610-357-1403.

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

Guatemala Mission Trip Interested in a mission trip, January 2018, to El Centro, Peter and Nadia Odulana’s ministry in Zone 6 Guatemala City? (Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent). For more info, email Theresa at taoconnors24@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Collections! For the month of AUGUST we are targeting: markers, notepads, tennis balls, bouncy balls, baseballs, water shoes, all small enough to fit into a shoebox. \$7 Donations for shipping per shoebox, \$32 for 100 shoeboxes; There is a bin in the lobby for your donations. Thanks!

Gluten Free Communion is available to the left of the stage.

Today’s Songs: Open Up the Heavens – Meredith Andrews, Set Me Ablaze – Planteshakers, Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) – Hillsong, Revelation Song – Kari Jobe

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**