

WELCOME HOME



Our vision: Experience and share the love of Jesus.

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

SUPER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our kids have so much more space now that they are in the **new Life Center building**. Go to the main entrance and Mrs. Tennant will direct you from the lobby.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the start of a new study in **the book of Mark**. **Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 AM** in the St. Andrew room.

PRAYER GROUP

Making resolutions to pray more? Join this focused group. They have a new schedule and location. **Certain Mondays at 9:15 AM in the Life Center**. Check commpres.com/lifegroups for details.

SENIORS & SNOWBIRDS

You are invited to the launch of the weekly **Friday Senior Fellowship**. Visit the table outside for more info. **Friday, January 11 from 10:00 AM to noon** in Expansion.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come hear Major General Scott Gratton share about his life as the former **U.S. ambassador to Kenya**. **Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 AM** in Expansion.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Calling all women. Believers will now meet in the Life Center with a new study on **Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 PM**. Go to commpres.com/connect for details.

FINANCIAL PEACE

Get rid of debt using biblical tools. This nine-week class starts **Sunday, January 27** in the Life Center. \$100 per family. Get info or sign up through our website.

DIVORCE CARE

We are looking for a facilitator who's been through divorce, has healed and wants to help others find healing. **Contact the Church Office** if you can be that person.

Please place your Change for Hope donations in the baskets in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting Community Hope Center.

January 6, 2019

Hymn: 3

services

Sun 8:00 am Traditional
Sun 9:30 am Contemporary
Sun 11:11 am Blended
Sun 6:00 pm Encounter
Thurs 7:30 pm Contemporary

Childcare provided on Sunday morning & night.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Rev Dr William A Lewis

The extra effort always surprises me. People tell me, “I wasn’t coming to church today, but decided to and God spoke powerfully to me.” Or like when I decide to sit down and pray about the people and problems in my life; not just tossing up thoughts while on the run, but intentionally applying Psalm 46:10, “Be still and know that I am God.” Suddenly, I have clarity and things shift around in whatever I’m dealing with.

The same goes for my Bible reading. I want to rush through it, but when I slow down looking for a verse, phrase or word to circle, I find God speaking to me regardless of whether I am in the Old or New Testament. He offers counsel and new insights into His character and fresh promises to grab hold of.

In the book “Encounters with Jesus,” author and pastor Tim Keller recalls a conference breakout session that changed his life. A presenter named Barbara Boyd promised some tips on reading the Bible (not a particularly cutting-edge subject). Boyd provided these instructions: “Sit for 30 minutes and write down at least 30 things you learned from Mark 1:17.” Mark 1:17 is a passage most can mumble in their sleep, “Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Jesus told a group of fishermen they should start trawling for people. Boyd continued, “We’ve all heard that one for years—Don’t think that after 10 minutes and 4 or 5 thoughts get written down that you’ve figured it out. Take the entire 30 minutes and try to get 30 things observed.” Keller decided to give it a shot. He and the others in the room silently picked their way over, around and through those familiar words. After 10 minutes, true to Boyd’s prediction, Keller put down his pen certain he had seen everything there was to see.

He wanted to spend the rest of the time day dreaming, but everyone else looked like they were still working, so he picked up his pen and started pondering again. Then he noticed new things.

When the exercise was over, the seminary leade asked, “How many of you found life changing insights from the first 10 minutes?” No one raised their hands. What everyone discovered was the longer the time they invested in the word, the deeper the insights came forth from the scriptures.

In 2019 let’s make the extra effort and find God.

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