

September 2022
Monthly Newsletter of
Corry First Church

In His Steps

Corry First UMC

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OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS:
Monday – Friday
10:00am – 2:00pm

WORSHIP:
9:00 AM – Blended Worship
10:00 AM – Coffee &
Fellowship
10:10 AM – Sunday School
11:11 AM – Modern
Worship

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

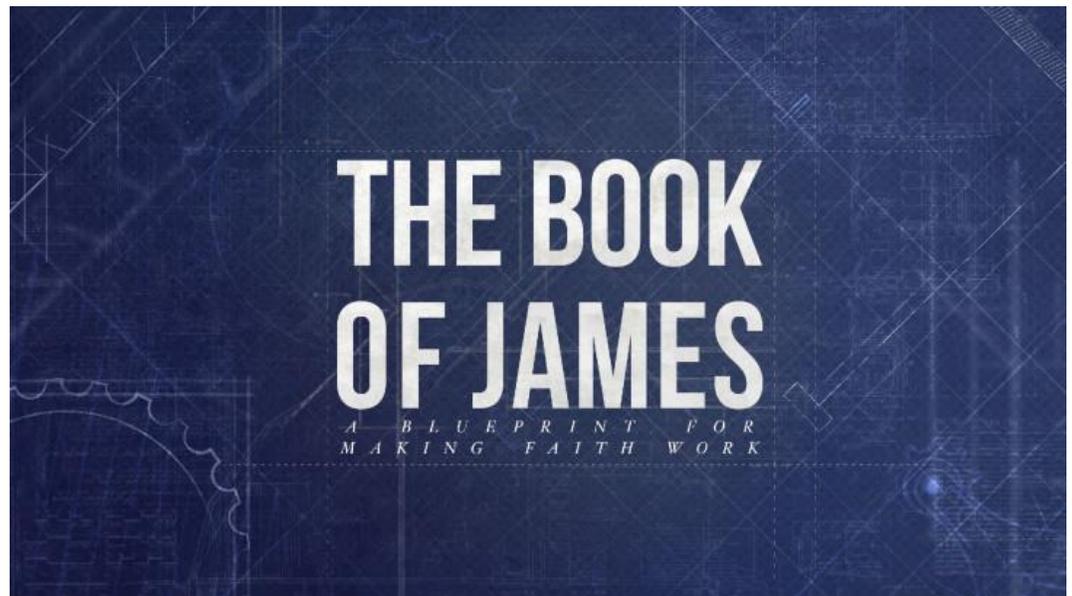
Wednesday:
5:00 PM -H2O Life Group
7:00 PM- Prayer Meeting

Friday:
7 – 10 PM – Friday Night
Flood

(Schedule is subject to Change)

Follow Us in our Journey to Follow Him

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21



"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5

Join us Sunday Mornings as Pastor Duk Hee explores the book of James.

How to Make Disciples by Vicki Pasterik

I recently challenged those of you who attend our 9 o'clock service to ask God to put someone on your heart who is not a believer and who doesn't attend church. I encouraged you to invite them to come to church with you. Pastor Han asked you to commit to praying for them to come to a relationship with Christ through their relationship with you.

You may be asking, "How do I disciple someone in their faith?" Here are some tips adapted from Discipleship.org, a great source for answers to questions like this.

1. Invite them

Everyone is looking for belonging—an authentic community to be seen and known. Years ago, people would stop by unexpectedly to connect. Now, in western cultures, they wait for an invitation. Try inviting them. You may be surprised by their response!

If they are not comfortable coming to church, invite them to attend a small group with you. This setting is smaller and more intimate.

If they are not interested in that option, invite them to meet with you regularly one on one. I would love to talk to you about options for resources you could use in a one on one setting.

2. Love them

People need safe friendships to ask questions and share life. Loving well includes listening well and modeling honesty and authenticity. Give them space when they need it and pull them in when the Holy Spirit leads. Respond in actions and words for their "strengthening, encouragement, and comfort." (1 Cor. 14:3)

3. Involve them

Making disciple makers is about forming healthy spiritual habits—not only meeting for Bible study. Invite them to attend church and serve in ministry with you. We have several local ministry partners who need volunteers! Be intentional in helping them grow in trusting obedience as a follower of Jesus.

4. Keep It Biblical and Reproducible

One goal is for them to be a disciple who makes disciples. Use the Bible and a few questions. (We can give you the format we use in our discipleship group.) Meet when they're available (e.g., 9 p.m. bi-weekly on Zoom or Tuesday mornings at Tim Hortons). But just *knowing* new information will not transform their life—the *application* of biblical truth with God's help will.

5. Keep Abiding in Jesus

They need to see what it looks like to live in oneness with God—to rest in, rely on, and release all to Jesus. When you abide in Christ, you'll receive what you need to disciple well and bear much fruit.

The goal is for your friend to come to faith in Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. Imagine what a blessing it would be for you to be instrumental in that process. May God bless you as you live out the Great Commission!

As I write my very last newsletter article as Youth Director of CorryFirst, I have a lot of mixed emotions! I am really excited about where God is taking me, and I am so thankful for the opportunities and growth I have experienced in the last eight years. I am also so sad to leave this church family. However, I very hopeful for the future of H2O Student Ministries, because I know that God will lead the right person to leadership and we already have a great team of volunteers to lead the way in the meantime!



For my last newsletter article, I wanted to share a few thoughts from one of my last papers I wrote for school - about what the Church around the world needs to get right if we want to reach the youth of today (Generation Z). Per lots of research from Barna and others, Gen Z appears to be the least religious generation that has ever existed. For the past decade or so, pastors, parents, and youth leaders alike have baffled at the number of youth leaving (or disassociating with) the Church. There are likely a lot of complex reasons for this, but I think there are a few things CorryFirst can keep prioritized over the coming years to reach the youth:

1. Authentic community > institutionalized religion.

For Gen Z, belief in God is definitely not the 'default option' anymore, which is startlingly different from previous generations where 'being religious' was the norm. However, this is likely not because today's teens don't have the desire to be spiritual, but because Gen Z has more of an issue with the *institution* of Church as a whole. In focus groups with teens in Australia, researchers found that "their perceptions [of church] are of a big, structured institution rather than a community of people with a passion and a purpose." This should be a wake-up call for churches everywhere to reevaluate what 'doing church' really means for us. A *called-out community-family* is what the church was supposed to be, and we must get back to it. The 21st-century church 'preaching station' model isn't working for our youth.

2. Teens need more leaders, not more lessons.

Of course, youth need teachers, but *what kind of teachers* they need is the big question. Church father Clement of Alexandria described Jesus as a 'companion educator' (Greek *paidagogos*, which we have no equivalent word for in English). In the first few centuries A.D., this type of educator was actually a family servant who walked with children to school, kept them safe, helped them with their education, and helped them learn to make decisions as they grow through all stages of childhood. Today's teens need much more than a teacher who is distantly teaching from the front of a Sunday school classroom; they need authentic, wise, and vulnerable adults who can walk with them on their faith journeys. The youth of today don't need more information (they have all the information of the world at their fingertips), they need incarnational spiritual relationships with adults who are themselves walking with the Living Word.

3. We must validate and motivate their concerns for social justice.

One of the most unique markers of Generation Z is that they are showing very mature political and social concerns (likely due to their increased connectivity). In a recent study, 94% of teens reported being concerned about human rights issues, 89% are concerned about poverty issues, and 87% concerned about racial inequality. These are issues that teens deeply care about, and someone has to teach them that God deeply cares about these things as well (or they will walk out). The Bible is clear that God is on the side of the disenfranchised, the refugee, the poor, and the outcast. He calls His people to do the same. Teens do not want a fragmented faith that is evident on Sundays and absent the rest of the week. What happens on Monday, at school, work, and in the streets, has to be of equal or greater concern to the church than what happens on Sunday mornings.

Teens are at the critical point in their development where they need to be invited to do something with their lives that matters. Jesus offers us this invitation to meaningful work as we follow His way of life. And I pray that our church would be able to extend this invitation to the youth of our community.

Grace and peace,

Sarah King ><>

Attendance & Financial Giving for August

Average Attendance

Worship 120

Sunday School 35

Monthly Giving

General Fund \$ 27,144
(Budgeted Monthly Expenditures : \$29,642)



Month of September Birthdays

02 Pat Rath
03 Evelyn Owens
04 Jackie Harrington,
 Janet Munn, Jill Johnson
05 Becky Harrington, Dale Rath
06 Ashley Sandberg
07 Sandra Howles
08 Katie Nichols
10 Candy Wells
14 Kevin Amy
15 Andrew Baker, Richard Lowry, Trisha
 Schwabenbauer, Donna Miles

16 Lynn Sill
18 Tom Johnson
19 Deborah Ploss, Addie Schwabenbauer,
 Jonah Kennedy , Josh Heiser
21 Sally Amy
25 Parker Brown
27 Royce King, Patricia Munn

Month of September Anniversaries

05 Andrew & Barb Sproveri
08 Tom & Julie Ruth
09 Dale & Margaret Higley
11 Dave & Kellie Schwabenbauer
28 Bruce & Jill Burr



CorryFirst is accepting applications to hire a full-time Youth Director. Application and the Job Description are available outside the church office. All applications are due no later than October 11th.

The Camp at Findley is HIRING!

The Camp At Findley is looking to add some special people to our team! Whether you are looking for a job or a career transition, feel free to apply for the position that fits your skill set. Please apply with a resume and short paragraph about your interest in joining our team.

Possible Job Benefits: Housing, job training, camp use & event discounts, meals during programs, PTO, continuing education, and more!

Hospitality Director

Do you enjoy serving people? The primary purpose of this position is facilitate all of the camp's bookings, keep the camp schedule, and correspond with our guests. If you are a strong communicator and well organized this position may be for you!

Food Service Director

We are in search of a skilled person to oversee our kitchen ministry. If you enjoy cooking, serving others, and have experience in a commercial kitchen, this position may be for you!

Program Director

Do you love creating events, helping people learn and grow in their relationship with Christ? Do you have a heart for Summer Camp? We are in search of a stellar individual who can help grow our year-round programs and summer camp program!

Marketing Director

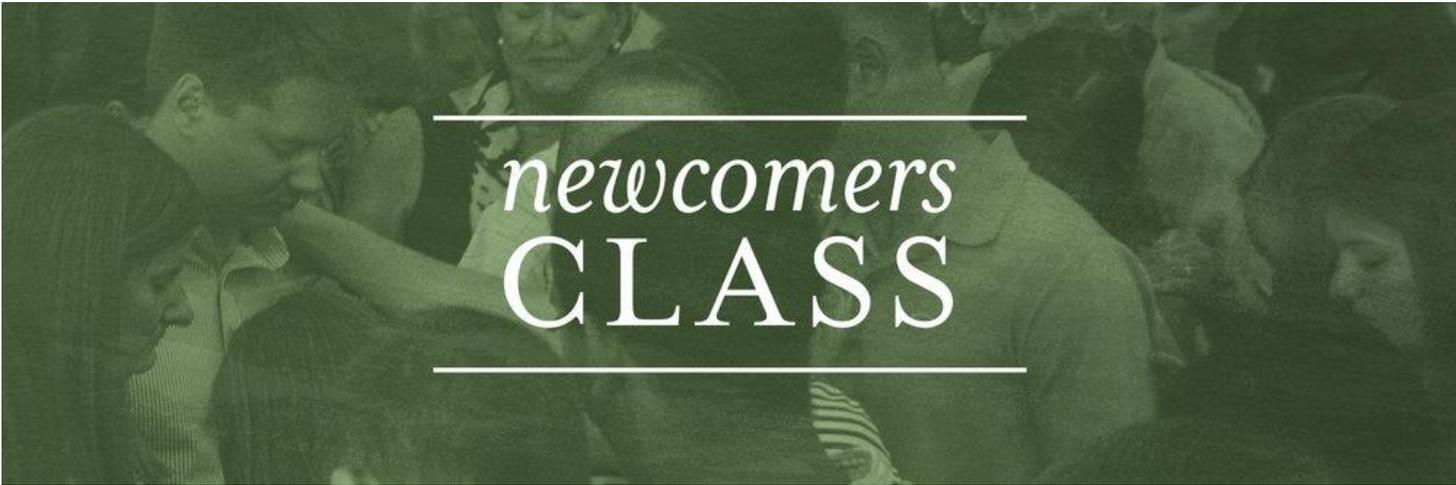
We are looking for someone to help us take our marketing to the next level! If you want to help make Jesus famous and grow our ministry through graphic design, marketing strategies, and fundraising, apply now!

Maintenance Director

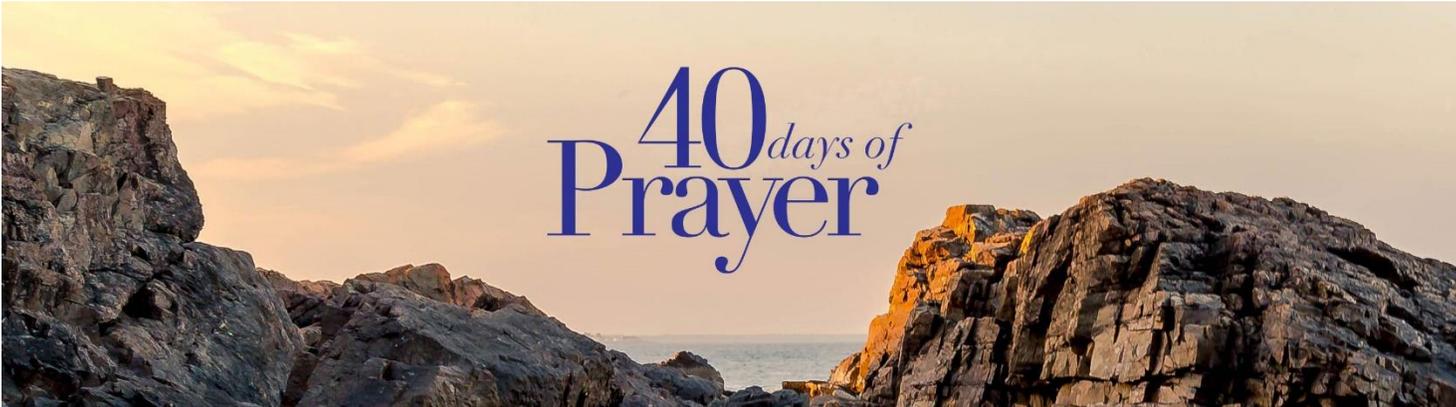
Are you a Mr. Fix-It or Jill-Of-All-Trades? We are looking for someone to help care for our camp grounds and facilities. The ideal candidate would have experience in building, maintenance, landscape, and be able to complete daily building maintenance.

Please contact Rev. Amber J. Shearer, Executive Director with any questions or to submit your resume and paragraph of interest in joining our team (amber@thecampatfindley.com or 716-769-7146).

- Contact Lisa in the church office for job descriptions



Newcomers Class will begin this fall. Beginning September 18 (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**) during the Sunday School hour from 10:10 – 11 am in the Pastor’s office. Pastor will lead the class and welcomes all newcomers that want to know more about Corry First (*This is a prerequisite for Membership Class*) and for those that wish to have their faith renewed.



40 Days of Prayer: September 5 – October 14

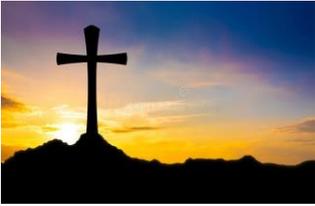
In the days ahead we will face many challenges. Pastor Duk Hee is challenging us to prayer daily for:

- *Guidance for SPRC in selecting our new Youth Ministries Director*
- *Disaffiliation Committee for the matters dealing with our Conference for guidance in direction and courage*
- *Our 11:11 musicians and for new people to become a part of their group – drummer, guitarists, song leaders*

Community
Christmas
FESTIVAL

Community Christmas Concert – The Ministerial Association would like to have the Community Christmas Concert again. It will look a little differently this year as we look to having one choir and not individual churches .We need voices to commit to the choir (both children and adults) by contacting Cindy Baker at cibaker@outlook.com no later than Sept 30th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:30 AM-Red Cross Blood Drive	2 10:00 AM-2nd Harvest Food Distribution	3
4 9:00 AM-Blended Worship 10:00 AM-Fellowship Time 10:15 AM-Sunday School 11:11 AM-Modern Worship	5 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 1:00 PM-Mary Circle 6:30 PM-Safety Team Meeting	7 5:00 PM-Life Group 7:00 PM-Prayer Meeting	8 6:30 PM-Missions @ EUM	9 7:00 PM-Friday Night Flood	10
11 9:00 AM-Blended Worship 10:00 AM-Farewell for Sarah King 11:11 AM-Modern Worship 2:00 PM – Town Hall meeting – Disaffiliation/Discernment Meeting	12	13 02:00 PM-Care Ministry 6:00 PM-Finance Meeting 7:00 PM-Administrative Council	14 5:00 PM-Life Group 7:00 PM-Prayer Meeting	15 6:30 PM-Worship Meeting	16 7:00 PM-Friday Night Flood	17
18 9:00 AM-Blended Worship 10:00 AM-Fellowship Time 10:15 AM-Sunday School 11:11 AM-Modern Worship	19	20	21 5:00 PM-Life Group 7:00 PM-Prayer Meeting	22 6:30 PM-Arts Council Meeting	23 7:00 PM-Friday Night Flood	24
25 9:00 AM-Blended Worship 10:00 AM-Fellowship Time 10:15 AM-Sunday School 11:11 AM-Modern Worship	26	27 10:00 AM-2nd Harvest Food Distribution 7:00 PM-Trustees Meeting	28 7:00 AM-See You at the Pole At CAHS 5:00 PM-Life Group 6:30 PM-Carpenters for Christ Mtg 7:00 PM-Prayer Meeting	29	30 7:00 PM-Friday Night Flood	

Coming in October.....
Missions Conference Weekend....
October 7,8, and 9