

The Briefing December 2, 2022

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# gather as a body

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9am
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grade), 10:45am

Monday, December 5 Tuesday, December 6

Women's Christmas

Dinner, 6pm

Wednesday,

**December 7** 

Men's Frontline Bible

<u>Study</u>, 6:30am

CF Kids Midweek,

6:30pm

Thursday,

**December 8** 

Student Ministry, 7pm

Friday, December

9

Saturday,

**December 10** 

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**Sunday, December 11** 

Celebration

Services, 9 &

10:45am

Livestream Service,

9am

Children's Ministry, (0-4th grade), 9am

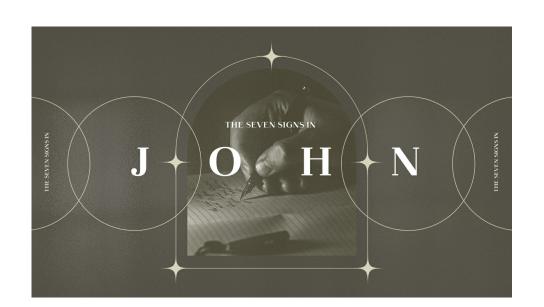
This Week at CF:

# This Weekend



# **Repeat Boutique**

On the first Sunday of each month CF collects donatio gently used clothing and other small household items Boutique. Bring your donations on the first Sunday and them in the vehicle at the front of the church.



## **Sunday Services**

Join us this Sunday at 9am or 10:45am as Pastor Ben shares from John 6:1-15. Ben's sermon title is *Feeding the Multitude*. If you are not able to join us in-person you can view our livestream on our <u>Facebook page</u> or our <u>YouTube channel</u> at 9am. We look forward to worshiping with you.

Be sure to invite your friends, family and neighbors to our Sunday service!

Children's Ministry (0-6th grade), 10:45am College Group,

7pm

# Looking **Ahead:**

Men's 2nd Tuesday, 12/13 Prayer for the World, 12/20 Office Closed, 12/23 **Christmas Eve Services** (4:00 & 5:30PM), 12/24 Christmas Day Service (10AM), 12/25 Office Closed, 12/26-12/30

# **See Full Calendar +**

# **Financial Update**

CF's fiscal year begins in July and ends in June. Income Budget (FY2022-23) \$1,700,000.00 Actual Fiscal Income (Year-To-Date) \$555,796.89 Weeks Remaining 30 Average Weekly Need \$38,140.10 Last Week's Offering \$42,432.88

# Sponsor a student to Winter Camp

Our student ministry winter camp is January 13-15. If you'd like to help sponsor a student in being able to attend please email Ashley Duncan at aduncan@commfell.org

#### **Loaner Car Needed**

Olivia Oleson will be home from Spain in December. If you have a lead on a car that Olivia can borrow from December 10 - January 9.

Contact: Gordon Spahr -

On this second Sunday of Advent we will be lighting the candle of Peace.

# To God Be The Glory

The artwork is now on display. Please take a moment to view the many pieces in the hallway adjacent to the lobby that represent giving thanks and glory to God.



# **CF Cafe - New Hours Coming Soon!!!**

Come enjoy our drink of the month and join in some e fellowship time at the cafe before service. We're excite announce that the CF Cafe will be opening before both to accommodate more drink orders. Starting in Decem will be open from 8:30am- 9:00am and from 10:15amon most Sundays.



#### **Christmas Cards for CF Missionaries**

Join us as we send Christmas greeting to CF missionaries through an online App "Padlet". This is a way to spread greetings, appreciation and encouragement to e Missionaries. Please take a moment today to share - commfell.org/Christmas-gr

# **Coming Soon**



# **Christmas Store**

The 2022 Christmas Store is on December 10. This week P this annual local outreach. Christmas gifts, especially for te still be purchased and delivered to CF using the preferred i gift list available at - commfell.org/Christmas-Store. Gifts s at CF by Thursday, December 8. Check out the same webp information about the Christmas Store. PRAY for gospel imthis outreach.

gspahr@commfell.org

# Community Fellowship Job Opportunities

- Director of Children'sMinistry
- Director of StudentMinistry

commfell.org/employment

#### **Room for Rent**

Private room for rent in West Chicago. Shared kitchen & bathroom. Basement space. Utilities included in rent. Preferably a female tenant. Move in date - as early as December 1. If interested please email Ashley at bowman.ashley8@gmail.com

# **Communications Information**

Do you want to stay upto-date with upcoming
events, gatherings, and
other CF communication?
"Like", "Follow", or
"Subscribe" us on
Facebook, Instagram,
Twitter, and YouTube to
receive updates
throughout the week. You
can find our pages at:
facebook.com/CommFell
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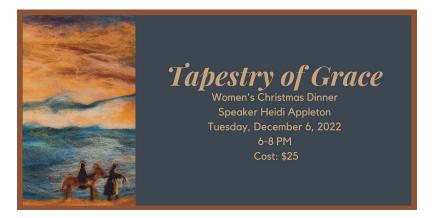
Why not tell the world by writing a review on google+ local? Just visit us <u>HERE</u> and click on the review button or the pencil icon. We really appreciate your help!

# **Perspectives**

It is estimated that only a small percent of Christians hold to a true Biblical world view. The Perspectives course will help you understand and establish a world view that is biblical and Christian.

CF is hosting the 15 week Perspectives Class this winter on Thursday evenings (6:30-9pm) beginning January 12 and going through early May. The class requires online registration - Perspectives - Public. There is a \$220 class tuition fee. The church will provide a 50% scholarship for anyone who registers for the class and is a regular attender at

**CF**. If you are interested in this offer let us know with an email to <a href="info@commfell.o">info@commfell.o</a>
Participants will be from many churches in the western suburbs – so consider invitifriend to take Perspectives with you. For more information visit <a href="Perspectives.org">Perspectives.org</a>.



# **Connecting Hearts Christmas Dinner**

T 'was a few days before Christmas Dinner when all through the church, not a single tree is bare not even the birch.

The table hosts are busy planning their décor, in hopes they will be ready when we open the door.

The speaker, sweet Heidi, is excitedly prepared to tell the story of grace God weaved through history with care.

The men are pressing their finest attire to graciously serve as the women retire.

The band is preparing, each shining their horn, while the Choir rehearses songs of our savoir born.

Now tables are full and tickets are sold, we anticipate a lovely evening with new friends and old.

Merry Christmas to all! We will see you on Tuesday, December 6.

By the way, don't forget you can bring your Christmas store donation to this There will be a box at the door.

> With Love, Women's Ministry Team

Please consider helping income-challenged families by bringing a donation for the Store <u>commfell.org/christmas-store</u>.



#### **Christmas Eve Service Times**

You're invited to celebrate Christmas Eve with our church family at 4:00pm or 5:30pm on December 24th. Our service will include an Advent message from Pastor Will, scripture reading and favorite Christmas songs, including singing Silent Night by candlelight. This will be a family friendly service. We will provide childcare for kids under 3 years of age for the 4:00pm service only. Our 5:30pm service will be livestreamed on our <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> page or <a href="YouTube channel">YouTube channel</a>. Plan now to invite family and friends to join you at the Christmas Eve service.

# **Prayer**

# **Submit Prayer Request**

The elders and prayer team take seriously their commitment to pray for the requests of our church family. You are encouraged to write your prayer requests on the perforated part of your Sunday bulletin, submit it via email at <a href="mailto:cfprayer@commfell.org">cfprayer@commfell.org</a>, submit it via the website at <a href="mailto:commfell.org/prayer">commfell.org/prayer</a> or by calling the church office at 630-562-9184.

# **Join the Prayer Team**

If you would like to support others in prayer, you can receive email prayer requests by signing up at <u>commfell.org/email.</u>

## **Deacons**

The Community Fellowship Deacon Ministry exists to deliver support for the entire CF body of believers by providing assistance and support to the church's members and regular attenders. This support most often takes the form of prayer, compassion, meals, transportation, financial assistance & visitation. If you know of anyone within our church body in need of short-term assistance, please contact a member of the Deacon Ministry for more information by calling the church office or emailing the Deacons at deacons@commfell.org



# **Adult Ministry**



# **College Group**

The college ministry at Community Fellowship is for students aged 18 to 23 and exists to develop young adults who love Christ's church and who consider the full congregation to be family. This group meets every Sunday from 7 pm to 9 pm. Each evening includes a time of fellowship and discussion together over the current study.

For more information and to get plugged in, send an email to <a href="mailto:collegegroup@commfell.org">collegegroup@commfell.org</a>.

#### **Men's Frontline**

Becoming a godly man doesn't just happen. It takes time and grace-empowered commitment to become the man God has called you to be. Join with other men as together we explore disciplines that will help us better reflect Christ in our lives. Our interactive study will use Kent Hughes' Discipline of a Godly Man as our guide this year at Frontline.



Men's Frontline Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 6:30am in Room 112, excluding the Wednesdays following the Second Tuesday Dinner. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

# **Children's Ministry**



# Helping Kids and Families to Know and Grow in God's Story

**Community Kids** is available during our 9:00am service for ages Infant - 4th grade and during our 10:45am service for ages Infant - 6th grade.

# This Week's Lessons

In the **Pre-4th** grade rooms our topic this week is *Jeremiah Encouraged God's People* (Jeremiah 29-30). JAM56 is continuing in their series on God's Promises this week. They will focus on the subject of *Joseph*.

# **Family Discipleship Guide**

In the family discipleship guide you'll get a snapshot of what will be taught each coming Sunday, and a few questions to ask your son/daughter related to it. You'll also find 3 links: one to the Gospel Project at Home, one to the worship setlist for Sunday, and one to a monthly resource. Click here to view this weeks guide!

**Urgent need:** Children's Ministry is in need of help with our Special Needs Ministry for the 10:45 service, if you have experience or a heart to help with this Ministry please contact Sandy Dimas at <a href="mailto:sdimas@commfell.org">sdimas@commfell.org</a>

**Save the date:** December 17<sup>th</sup> for our family movie matinee, we will show "Polar Express" and have popcorn with cocoa and cookies served during intermission. This event is from 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

# **Student Ministry**



Student Ministries exists to expose teenagers to God's love, to equip them to share God's Word, to surrender themselves in service to Christ, and to love one another.

#### **Student Ministries**

(6th grade through 12th grade)

This fall our student ministry programming (grades 6th through 12th) will meet every Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the church in room 112. We spend our time engaging God's Word and one another through games, fellowship, and singing praises to Him. We'd love for you and your friends to join us!

Parents, you're more than welcome to join us any night if you'd like. We'd love to meet you!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Student Ministries Director, Jake MacAdam at <a href="mailto:jmacadam@commfell.org">jmacadam@commfell.org</a>.

**Information:** commfell.org/students

Contact: Jake MacAdam - jmacadam@commfell.org



# **Service**



# **Caring Network Current Need**

The Caring Network distribution center, which CF supports, is in need of supplies. Please add one or more of the items below to your shopping order this week to fill this need! Your donated item(s) can be dropped off in the collection bin at CF.

- Diapers (especially sizes Newborn, 4, 5, & 6)
- Enfamil formula
- Wipes
- Lotions
- Soaps
- Gift cards to Walmart

#### Word Relief Donations - Fall/Winter 2022

World Relief is rebuilding to welcome more refugees across Chicagoland and we can help. Donations of furniture and household goods is a tangible and helpful way to extend welcome and build community! For more information about donations go to <a href="Donate New and Used Items">Donate New and Used Items</a> | World Relief <a href="Chicagoland">Chicagoland</a> or refer to the information below.



Please bring ONLY new items from the list below. Or World relief ™ purchase from our <u>Amazon Wishlist</u> and ship them to our local office. NOTE: We DO NOT accept: clothes (except winter gear), toys,

#### mattresses

- Winter Coats (adults and kids, all sizes)
- Twin and full bed comforters
- Twin sheets
- Postage stamps
- Kitchen trash cans
- Kitchen trash bags
- Small trash cans
- Tea kettles
- Toilet brushes
- Tool kits
- Sugar
- Rice

Check out the list for the Kindergarten -12 list for additional items needed!

#### **Furniture Donations**

If you have furniture to donate, please fill out this <u>Furniture Donation form</u>. Our donations team will connect with you about necessary next steps.

#### **High-Need Items**

- Arm Chairs
- Love seats
- Dressers

## **Accepted Furniture**

- Love seats
- Arm Chairs
- Couches (no sleepers, 7.5 ft maximum length)
- Dining tables
- Coffee Tables
- Night Stands/end tables
- Dressers
- Lamps
- Kitchen Chairs
- Pack 'n Plays

#### We do NOT accept:

- Sofa Sleepers
- Futons
- Recliner sofas
- Used mattresses or bed frames
- China cabinets

Partner agencies that also accept furniture include Chicago Furniture Bank in the city, as well as Jubilee Furniture, Sharing Connections, Wayside Cross, and St. Vincent de Paul in the suburbs.

**Accepted** Furniture donations can be dropped off between 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday at the World Relief DuPage office. The address is **191 S. Gary Ave., Suite 130 – Carol Stream, IL 60188.** Donations can be dropped off inside the door marked World Relief at the back of the building.

If you have furniture that needs to be picked up by World Relief please fill out the <u>Furniture</u> <u>Donation form</u>. Our donations team will reach out to you about next steps.

# **Employment Opportunities**

World Relief is looking for talented, compassionate and collaborative people for open staff positions. For more information about open positions: <u>Join the Team! Career Roles at World Relief Chicagoland</u>

# **GAPS Partnership with World Relief**

The CF **Shalom/Outreach** Team invites you to help fill the <u>G A P S</u> and engage in caring for the needs of refugees and immigrants in our community. You can support World Relief Chicagoland through your <u>G</u>iving, <u>A</u>dvocating, <u>P</u>raying and <u>S</u>erving. Share your interest with

the Shalom/Outreach Team by completing this form - <a href="mailto:commfell.org/GAPS">commfell.org/GAPS</a>. Completing the form is not a commitment - only the first step toward being part of the GAPS team.

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