



At the end of our Body Check-Up meeting on June 24th, the ballots were counted and the vote strongly confirmed the proposal to begin renting from Emmanuel Bible Church on N. 50th Street, across from the Woodland Park Zoo. **What does this mean for us as a church?** For sure we expect that everyone knows it means an increase to our operating budget and a change in our Sunday worship service time. But it means a whole lot of other things as well.

First of all it means that for the first time we will have our offices and meeting spaces located in the same facility, and that our access to this space will be seven days a week (or 6 ½, to be precise). It also means that we will have the freedom to organize and decorate our space to reflect our goals as a church, and in particular, this will give so much more ownership and freedom to those involved with our children's ministry. It means we have a gym for "gym nights", socials, movie nights, and hosting community events. And most of all, it means we are graced with the opportunity to steward the facility in such a way that it blesses the surrounding community.

As an elder board, we are very grateful for the sense we have of how engaged you all were in this process. In some ways, it is a relief to finally have a decision, but we are also aware that we have just begun the huge amount of work involved in transitioning to a new home. Thank you for your questions, comments, and prayer. And now we want to ask you for a renewed commitment to pray for our body as we make this move. As important as prayer was to our process of discernment, I believe it is even more important now that we have come to clarity. In the gospels, it is always at the times of significant transition that the enemy shows up to do what he can to disrupt God's work.

So here are some important things to be praying for:

- Though the vote was strong, it was not unanimous. Please pray for those who are struggling with the outcome. We are Christ's body and every member is significant (1 Corinthians 12), and the concerns raised very relevant! Even those who voted "yes" will experience grief in the midst of this change, so let's be praying for each other God's comfort and the mind of Christ (Philippians 2).
- Please pray for the process of finalizing the lease agreement. There is an old saying, "The devil is in the details," but we don't want that to happen. Pray for wisdom for the elders and a spirit of partnership to grow between Calvary Chapel and Emmanuel Bible Church.
- Pray for the process of the Boys and Girls Club moving out and our moving in. They are responsible for re-painting and re-carpeting the space, but we are hoping to negotiate with them so that we can choose the colors of the walls and floor.
- Pray for the coming together of a *CCWorks* team. Even over the summer we would like to begin researching the needs of the community around the church and observing the ways those needs intersect with our congregational survey. (If you have an interest in helping with this process, please give Bill a heads up.)
- Finally, please pray for our expectations! Expectations are powerful things. In general, I think we expect too much to happen in one year, and not enough in five. This process of transitioning will take time. And it will take time to discern the things we will do to be more "missional" as a church. So pray both for patience and a relentlessness as we seek to be participate in the bringing God's kingdom from heaven to earth.

Summer Reading Book Recommendations



Do you have some time to read this summer? Here are some book recommendations from your CC pastors. At first glance, it may seem that Andrea's and Rich's suggestions clash in their content, but these two books represent a "both/and" and not an "either/or" approach to the truth found in the Bible. Life is messy and to accept this is a huge step forward in our spiritual journey. However, spiritual disciplines sustain us in the midst of this messiness and grow us to new levels of maturity and wholeness.

Bill: As a parent, I often think back to my own childhood and how much the world has changed for my kids. Some things are better, and some things are worse. In that "worse" category is the realm of sex, sexuality, and the great confusion that exists around relationships, intimacy, and sexual activity (especially as portrayed in the media). An easy and provocative read that dives into our culture's confusion is Rob Bell's *"Sex God: Exploring the Endless Connections Between Sexuality and Spirituality"*. It is written in a conversational style that draws the scriptures and biblical worldview to bear on the modern quagmire of sex. As Rob points out in his book, so much of "this" (sexual confusion) is really about "that" (spiritual confusion).

Andrea: During the past few years, I've been intentionally trying to incorporate running into my life. In order for this happen, it had to move from *a desire* to *a discipline*. As I look at my life, this is true for my spiritual growth too. I want to be formed by Christ's grace and truth. In order to do so, I need to take time to meet with Him, listen to Him, and yes, practice Him. Hoping this happens without intentionality is foolish. So, I wanted to recommend a book by John Ortberg entitled *"The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People"*. It's a book that combines ancient biblical wisdom with modern experience and story. It's a book that helps us reorient our life towards Christ in meaningful ways that restore, not drain. The book looks at a variety of spiritual disciplines (i.e. the practice of celebration, slowing, servanthood, confession, etc.) that allow us, as Soren Kierkegaard says, "to become ourselves with God's help." It's a simple book that can be read slowly and incorporated easily.

Rich: What if genuine faith begins with admitting we will never have our act completely together? Maybe messy disciples are exactly the kind of imperfect people Jesus came to earth for and whose company he actually enjoyed--and still enjoys. In *"Messy Spirituality - God's Annoying Love For Imperfect People"*, Mike Yaconelli turns his attention to what it means to be a Christian and imperfect. Among other things, he suggests it means letting go of human efforts to become more spiritual, and instead allowing God to untangle our lives—which will more likely lead to an authentic relationship with him than white-knuckling ourselves into the delusion that we first have to basically be okay before God accepts us. The result? Not perfect people, but people perfectly aware of the grace God offers to us every day of our lives. This book is one of my all time favorites. I think this is a great book for us as a congregation that is stepping more into what it means to be a missional community. It gives us a framework for understanding how to accurately view ourselves and others that matches the amazing grace and unconditional love of Jesus Christ!

Connie: One of the greatest gifts we can give to one another is the expression of love. Even though I have read Gary Chapman's book, *"The Five Love Languages"* several times, I find that each time I am in a new relationship a quick read reminds me of how I can help this new relationship enjoy the blessing of feeling loved. It especially surprised me when I picked up *"The Five Love Languages of Teenagers"* because I thought I knew my kids so well! But as I was reading, I realized that I hadn't really thought through how each of my children felt most loved. It truly has been amazing and fun to watch them respond as I have emphasized loving them in a way that makes sense to them. I wish I had found *"The Five Love Languages of Children"* when they were younger! Even if you're familiar with this model, it's worth a refresher in light of the current relationships or children in your life.



CC is going to a Sounders game!

What's one of the most affordable professional sports venues in Seattle? The Seattle Sounders at Qwest Field! Join us for an enjoyable evening cheering on our Sounders soccer club against the Puerto Rico Islanders on Saturday, August 4th. The game begins at 7:00 PM. Besides being affordable (tickets are \$11 a piece), soccer is a great game to watch. Lisa will have tickets available starting July 15th at Sunday worship. And, for those of you who are baseball fans, we'll be heading to a Mariner's game together on Monday, August 27th.

Pray for CC's Team in Pasco

It's a bright, sunny day in Pasco, Washington, and the neighborhood park is filled with the sounds of children reading and playing soccer. Music and singing begin, and the children gather under a large, sturdy shade structure for worship. There is lots of room, and shade for everyone. It's a gathering place for the neighborhood.

On July 2nd, a team from Calvary Chapel will go to join The Manna Project in Pasco to help turn this picture into reality. The team consists of 11 adults, 5 youth, and 8 children. We join Lynn Jones, who has felt called to minister to Hispanic families in Pasco, and formed the Manna Project as an outreach of her church several years ago. Over the years, we have grown in our relationship and partnership with Lynn and the Manna Project, and helped to develop a piece of land into a park where children from neighborhood apartments can gather for a variety of activities. Building the shade structure will be our biggest project so far. We're also joining with the Manna Team to provide a Fiesta de Español each night, including soccer, water games, singing, stories, and crafts. We are trying to accomplish a lot in one week, so please pray for us! We will need your support!

Please pray:

- That we will be successful in bringing friendship and Jesus' love to the children at the Manna Project as we hang out with them and participate together in the Fiesta VBS.
- For wisdom, physical strength, and safety of the team as we build the shade structure.
- For unity of the team as we live and work closely together for a week (most of us will be in Lynn's house and backyard).
- That Calvary Chapel's team will bring encouragement and support to the staff at the Manna Project.

We covet your prayers!

It's Not Too Late to Join a Summer Core!

There are a number of Summer Interest Cores that have just begun or are about to begin and you're welcome to jump in.

We've got two cores that are focused on helping families cultivate healthy ways to relate and communicate. Rich Sclafani will be facilitating a **Marriage Core** on Tuesday nights and Kristen Okabayashi will be facilitating a **Parenting Class** on Sunday evenings at the church. (The parenting class is open to any parent, but particularly focused on parents of elementary age kids. Additionally, Connie Schutte is coordinating activities for the kids.)

We've also got two cores that wrestle with tough issues. John Carlson will be facilitating group discussions about **Hope in the Midst of Suffering** on Thursday nights and Andrea Zikakis will be exploring Anne Lamott's new book, *Grace Eventually* on Tuesday nights.

Finally, if you're looking at a way to integrate life we have two additional core opportunities. Leslie Engelson is coordinating a **Quilting for Charity** core which combines learning to quilt with serving those less fortunate. Lauren Heerschap is leading a book discussion on the *Courage to Teach* by Parker Palmer which is intended to help support teachers through understanding the inner landscape of their own hearts.

Please contact the Core Facilitator for more information!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Intercession – 8:00 AM Worship— <i>Communion</i> 10:00 AM David & Amy L.	2 Becky Z.	3 Garett B. & Michelle Q.	4 Prayer Meeting at the Lilja's—8:30 PM TG 7:00 PM @ the church Jim & Chikako M.	5 Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Jerry & Daelene K.	6 Doug W.	7 Troy S.
8 Intercession – 8:00 AM Worship— <i>Prayer & Anointing</i> 10:00 AM Ian H.	9 Scott & Kristen O.	10 Missions Team Meeting 7:30 PM Rena C.	11 Park Play Date 11-1 @ Viewridge TG 7:00 PM @ the church Erik L.	12 Lauren H.	13 Andrea Z. & Angie D.	14 Kay S.
15 Intercession – 8:00 AM Worship—10:00 AM Jeff & Jeanie D.	16 Greg & Lisa D.	17 Mark & Jessica B.	18 Prayer Meeting at the Lilja's—8:30 PM TG 7:00 PM @ the church John & Linda C.	19 Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Bill & Becky G.	20 Steve & Annabelle R.	21 Lorelle J.
22 Intercession – 8:00 AM Worship— <i>Prayer & Anointing</i> 10:00 AM Renee L.	23 Wendy A.	24 Bill & Kris H.	25 TG 7:00 PM @ the church Troy S.	26 Michelle H.	27 Harry & Kathleen L.	28 New Members Class 9AM to 12PM Connie S.
29 Intercession – 8:00 AM Worship—10:00 AM David & Amy L.	30 Becky Z.	31 Garett B. & Michelle Q.	The names on each day represent the current schedule for Prayer & Fasting. If you would like to join the rotation please contact the office.			



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