



CHERRY TREE ALLIANCE CHURCH

July 26, 2020 • 10:00 AM



Today's Message - **What Kind of Story Are We Living In?**

**A Message from Romans 8:18-39
Speaker: Pastor Travis Deans**

**10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE**
July 26, 2020

Call to Worship

*Love the Lord Your God
Great Are You, Lord
More Than Anything*

Announcements

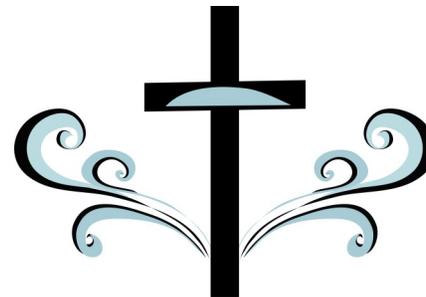
*Alliance Caring in
Chaos - Berlin Video*

Praise & Petition

Message
*What Kind of Story
Are We Living In?*

Draw Me Close to You

Benediction



SURPRISE!

Some people like surprises,
others not so much.
Sometimes the circumstances
can make all the difference.
I pulled off a surprise
birthday party for Mossie
when she turned 30,
and I think she enjoyed it.
The year she doubled that number
she let me know
in no uncertain terms
that I'd better not even THINK
of planning any surprises.
I got the message,
and we're still married!

Some surprises are unpleasant
and are of great consequence.
We've all been inconvenienced
by an unexpected accident,
or blind-sided by
a troubling diagnosis,
or devastated by financial loss.
Didn't see that coming!
Don't know how I'll survive.

God is never surprised.

That's why the psalmist can say,
When I am afraid,
I will trust in the LORD.
(See Psalm 56.3)

Even though I had no clue
there was trouble on the horizon,
God knew way in advance,
and he has gone before me
to prepare the way –
and to prepare me!

He is so good!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD!

LOVING YOU!

What Kind of Story Are We Living In? A Message from Romans 8:18-39

Life sure is confusing these days, isn't it? Trying to make sense of it all has never been more difficult. It's kind of like having a box full of puzzle pieces with no picture to help you know what it's supposed to look like. But what if LIFE did have a big picture that helped us make sense of all the pieces? That's what we'll be looking at today!

Your notes and comments:

Welcome to Worship!

As we protect one another from the spread of COVID-19, we request that you wear a mask, observe social distancing and be sure to wash your hands and use the available hand sanitizing stations. We are not passing offering plates, but you may contribute online or by leaving your gift in the plate near the office door following the worship service.

KIDS CHURCH meets in the Fellowship Hall during the entire 10:00 AM service. The staff is wearing masks and social distancing is being observed.

We are currently experimenting with an 8:45 AM service as well. Pennsylvania is under an order to wear masks at all public gatherings; however, if you are not complying with this order, we ask that you NOT attend the 8:45 AM service.

We continue to offer livestreaming of the 10:00 AM service, now available both on Facebook and YouTube. Whether you worship with us in person or by livestream, we are delighted to share the Word of the Lord and the Person of Jesus with each of you. Together in Christ, we are *Loving God! Loving You!*



Kids Ministry

Kids Church is currently one combined class for ages 5-11 in our Fellowship Hall. We are using the Answers in Genesis curriculum *IncrediWorld Amazement Park*, featuring lively worship, games, crafts, and snacks!

Kids Church will last for the entire church service, starting at 10:00 AM. Please bring your child to the Fellowship Hall when you arrive at church. We will do check-in at the Fellowship Hall outside doors, weather permitting.

We are following a wellness policy, including extra safety precautions due to COVID. This document can be viewed in this bulletin, on our church bulletin board, and in our Fellowship Hall.

We believe this one combined class will be best as we transition back to "normal." The nursery will be open for your use, as well as a classroom (Room 300) for 3-4 year olds. The nursery and Room 300 will have a TV livestreaming the service so that parents will not have to miss anything if they need to step out of the sanctuary with their child.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to join our CTAC Kids Facebook page, where we share posts like bedtime stories, visits from Cubbie Bear, and Fun in a Jar (we draw a slip of paper from a jar that will give us a special craft, activity, or science experiment to try!).

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Genovese.

Ladies' Movie Night

Ladies, please join us for gals' night out on Saturday, **August 1st** at 8:45 PM for a drive-in movie! We will be showing the 2019 version of *Little Women*. Popcorn & topping will be provided; please bring any other snacks and a favorite beverage. All women ages 18 & up are welcome to attend!



Moms In Prayer

Our Moms In Prayer group is meeting together in person on Mondays at 6:00 PM. These gatherings are typically outside & the ladies try to maintain 6 feet of distance. You are also welcome to call in to the meeting if you would prefer. If you would like to pray with these ladies for the special children in your life (whether your own children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or other kids that hold a special place in your heart!), please private message Teresa Berenbrok on Facebook or ask the church office for Teresa's phone number. Please be sure to check with Teresa prior to attending the meeting as the location varies.



Building a Brotherhood - Men's Small Group

Ever wondered why when we ask "What would Jesus do?" the answer always seems to be doing something "nice" even when the situation calls for something far different? When you think of a Christian man, do you automatically think of a nice guy who is a doormat for everyone coming and going? Do you feel like there is a perception among non-believers that being a Christian means you are somehow weak?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, we invite you to join a men's Bible study small group. We will be working our way through *No More Christian Nice Guy* by Paul Coughlin. *Before you go thinking that this is going to be a study where you read a book and come together and sing something warm, fuzzy, and touchy feely...* We are going to talk about a lot of things men face and how we can be better men for Christ. We will see why being good and nice are two very different things. Finally, we will have some great fellowship and time with the Lord. We will look at scripture and if you like you can purchase the book and read along through it as we go, but it's not necessary.

We are planning to next meet on Sunday, **August 2nd** at the church at 6:00 PM. We will meet in areas where proper social distancing can be maintained, and please feel free to wear a mask if you desire. The key here is bringing faithful men together to really study how we can be better for Christ. Please contact Bryson Taylor with any questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will be holding our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, **August 9th** at 11:30 AM for the purpose of reviewing the 2019 Annual Report and also considering a proposal to purchase a new church lawn sign.

The meeting is open to all who attend Cherry Tree Alliance; voting is limited to members. Printed copies of the annual report are available on the info table in the foyer.



Capacity

If you are not already receiving information on Capacity meetings, please e-mail capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com. Please continue to uplift our students & youth leaders in your prayers as they navigate these challenging times.



Prayer of the Day

Last week, we announced to our church family that Pastor Travis Deans has accepted a new position with National Network of Youth Ministries as their Northeast Regional Coordinator. Travis will be providing support to youth pastors throughout Pennsylvania, New York, & New Jersey. He will continue to be on staff at CTAC throughout August. We are grieved to lose Travis from our team, but we wish him the very best as he prepares for this exciting new role! Please join us today in praying for him & his family as they prepare for this time of transition.

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international workers of the week, Joshua & Heather Erickson (and children Tristan, Treven, Lincoln, Eliana, & Jackson) who were sent out by Refuge Church in Appleton, Wisconsin in 2019. They have just finished a year of language school in France & are moving to Senegal in August 2020.

They ask for prayer in the following areas of their new ministry:

"~Please pray for our family during this time of transition, especially the kids.

~Please pray for God to put all the moving pieces in place.

~Please pray for God to continue to raise up prayer and financial supporters and praise God for all He has done already!"

CTAC Kids Wellness Policy

In order to maintain a safe, healthy environment for all who participate, we request that Children's Ministries staff and volunteers, as well as participating family members and children, adhere to the following wellness policy.

We cannot allow anyone to attend if they are currently or have in the last 24 hours experienced:

- fever of 100 degrees or higher
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- cough
- fatigue (that is unusual)
- sore throat
- muscle or body aches
- congestion or runny nose
- rash or spots (that are unusual)
- bronchitis, strep throat, flu, etc. (contagious infections)

We also ask that you use your *best judgement* on sending any *siblings* or *family members* of those that are experiencing any of the above symptoms.

If your child shows any of the above symptoms at any time in our care, we will contact you immediately to pick up your child.

COVID

During this time of pandemic, we have added some new measures that we will do our very best to follow weekly:

- social distance with the children
- reiterate the importance of manners, good hygiene, and personal space in a FUN way
- snacks will be pre-packaged only
- crafts will be pre-packaged and have everything needed to complete
- each family or child will be assigned their own "roller coaster" in the Fellowship Hall that will be their designated space each week
- hand sanitizer will be used regularly
- the Fellowship Hall will be thoroughly cleaned each week
- all volunteers/teachers will be wearing a mask



Online Giving

Visit our website at www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly. With this program, you can choose the fund you would like your donation to go towards & set up a one-time or reoccurring gift from your home computer or mobile device. It is fast, easy, & secure. ***We thank you for supporting our church during these challenging times!***

GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for July: \$15,970
(Amount needed monthly: \$25,688)

Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$221

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

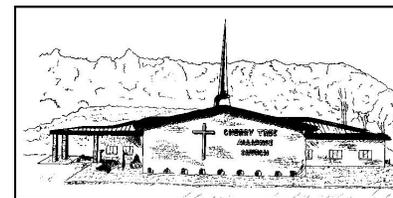
8:45 AM Worship Service: 30

10:00 AM Worship Service: 47

Kids Church: 9

Estimated Livestream Views: 216

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