



CHERRY TREE

ALLIANCE CHURCH

March 7, 2021 • 8:45 & 10:00 AM



Today's Message -
Unexpected Grace
 A Message from Luke 15:11-24
 Speaker: Joshua Mitchell

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE March 7, 2021

(8:45 AM Service
 is abbreviated)

Call to Worship

*Chain Breaker
 All My Hope
 Holy Water*

Announcements

Communion

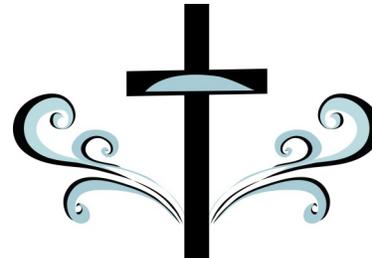
Confidence
Special Music
 by Hannah Hertlein

Praise & Petition

Message
Unexpected Grace

His Mercy Is More

Benediction



STRONG IN THE LORD

Paul says the believer
is in a spiritual battle.

Living for Jesus isn't easy.
 In fact, it's a struggle,
 and not against flesh and blood.
 We are contending with rulers,
 authorities, dark powers,
even spiritual forces of evil
 in realms we cannot see.

How can we ever survive?
How can we possibly conquer?

This is why Paul says,
Be strong in the Lord
and in his mighty power.
 The devil is a schemer,
 so Paul instructs us to put on
the full armor of God
 and then to take our stand.
Belt of truth—check.
Breastplate of righteousness,
feet shod with the Gospel,
the shield of faith
and the helmet of salvation.
 Check, check, check, and check!
 Oh, and *the sword of the Spirit!*
 We must not forget that!

And when we have all of the armor,
 then we come to the Lord in prayer,
 staying alert and watching
 for the wily ways of the enemy.
 That's how we prepare for the fight
 and that's how we know we will win.

With God on our side,
who can stand against us?!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD,

LOVING YOU!

Unexpected Grace

Luke 15: 11-24

The Parable of the Lost Son

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

Sermon Notes:

Kids Ministry
Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Morning
Ages 5-11 / Fellowship Hall
Ages 3-4 / Room 300



We are following a wellness policy, including extra safety precautions due to COVID. This document can be viewed on our website, church bulletin board, & in the Fellowship Hall. The nursery will be open for your use if parents need to step out of the sanctuary with their child.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Genovese .



Reminder - Daylight Saving Time Begins Saturday, March 13th!
Please be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

Mahaffey Camp Replenish Retreat

Mahaffey Camp will hold their Replenish 2021 Retreat Friday-Sunday, **March 19th-21st**. Replenish is open to individuals & youth groups (grades 6-12), as well as youth leaders. The retreat is packed with powerful messages, relevant seminars, awesome worship, and plenty of fun recreational activities. Check out the brochures available on the literature table in the foyer for more info.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the order forms available on the information table in the foyer. This year, we are offering three flower options: lilies (\$9.00), tulips (\$9.50), and 3-bloom hyacinths (\$9.50). All order forms & payments are due by Sunday, **March 21st**.



Easter Offering

Please note that all monies collected in this year's Easter offering will be split between the Uniontown Center of Hope and Connellsville Alternatives Yes crisis pregnancy centers. You can donate through the offering using your colorful Easter envelopes & regular envelopes labeled "Easter Offering." You may also give online by selecting the Fund as "Other" and indicating "Easter Offering" in the Memo/Note field.

2021 Nominations for Church Offices Open

Nominations are open for the following offices to be filled by election at our Annual Meeting on April 25th with terms to begin June 1st, 2021:

Elders (eligible for reelection: Travis Deans, Joshua Mitchell, Bryson Taylor, Doug Trimmer)

Head Trustee (eligible for reelection: Joe Thomas)

Treasurer (eligible for reelection: Don Smith)

Assistant Treasurer (eligible for reelection: Raeleen Davies)

Christian Care Committee (eligible for reelection: Tracey Dillon, Lyn Fischer, Melissa Lough, Bryson Taylor, Cindy Trimmer, & Doug Trimmer)

Nomination Procedures – Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate, relying upon the guidance of the Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit. The standards for spiritual leadership are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Any active member wishing to place someone in nomination must first obtain permission from the person to be nominated and receive the assurance that the person agrees to be considered for the position & is willing to serve. Then the member wishing to place the name in nomination must submit the name in writing to Bryson Taylor via e-mail or by hand delivery in a sealed envelope. Include the name of the person you're nominating, the office, and your name, which will be confidential.

The deadline for nominations is Sunday, March 21st.

Those elected to the Nominating Committee for 2021 are Travis Deans, Pastor David Goodin, Melissa Lough, Jodie Redshaw, and Bryson Taylor.

Interested in Baptism?

We plan to hold a baptism Sunday soon and would love to talk with you about joining in this special day! Please contact Pastor David or the church office.



Volunteers Needed - Multimedia Team

We are seeking volunteers to help us assemble a Multimedia Team for tasks such as operating the sound board, running PowerPoint, assisting with the livestream, creating videos, & helping to research multimedia resources. If you have an interest in being a part of this team, please contact the church office at ctallch@verizon.net. Training on our tech equipment is provided.

Donations Needed - Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting a Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 3rd** and are in need of a few items for our prize table! If you would be willing to donate any of the following, we would greatly appreciate it:



Cans of pop

Snack bags of chips

Snack packs of cookies

Full / large candy bars

Cotton Candy (*bags or plastic containers, can usually be found at the dollar store*)

Pudding cups

Jello cups

Easter Candy of all kinds!

(*Sweet, sour, chocolate...small bags, large bags...any candy will do!*)

Miscellaneous items needed:

Battery powered tea light candles

Glow sticks

Please leave donated items in the church office.

If anyone would like to help at our event, please contact Jen Genovese.
More details coming soon!

Alliance Women's Retreat

The annual Alliance Women's Retreat for the Western PA District will be held at Somerset Alliance Church on Saturday, **April 17th** from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The theme this year is *Not Alone* and the event features speakers Elizabeth Daigle and LuAnne Baker. Check out the brochures available on the info table in the foyer.



Moms in Prayer

Our Moms in Prayer group is meeting on Mondays at 6:00 PM by Zoom. 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 number.

Bible Quiz Practices - Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Mitchell.



Brite

Virtual Program for grades Pre-K through 5th
Wednesday evenings



Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/brite.

Episodes air **every other week** (next episode: March 17th)

Brite Cubbies: Join us at 6:30 PM! / Older Kids: Join us at 7:00 PM!



Capacity - Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 PM
Please reach out to Joshua Mitchell with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

Capacity Cadre

We are searching for a group of dedicated prayer warriors to join us in praying for our Capacity students. If you would like to partner with us and join the Capacity Cadre, please reach out to Joshua Mitchell at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



LIFE 2022 Fundraising

We are relaunching a modified **SCRIP program** to support our Capacity students attending LIFE 2022. Sign up by downloading the RaiseRight mobile app. Enter our enrollment code: **26D95ELA17L84**
Please be sure to select "eGift Cards" ONLY.

We are unable to cover the fees to ship physical cards.

Check out **Amazon Smile**, which allows you to donate 0.5% of your purchase to a charity of your choice. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, and set Cherry Tree Alliance Church as your charity. These donations will go to support our LIFE 2022 trip.

Paving Project

We hope to collect the \$53,880 needed for our parking lot paving project before we complete the paving in Fall of 2021. If you feel led to help with this need, please designate your gifts "Paving Project" on your offering envelopes or in the memo/notes field of online contributions.

Prayer of the Day

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more***

Praise the Lord today for His amazing forgiveness! Ask Him for the strength you need to forgive others as He has forgiven you.

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international workers of the week, Mark & Kit Murphy (and son Ephraim), who serve in Thailand. They request prayer for the following areas of their ministry: **"Words of Thanks:**
1. We thank God for helping Kit lead her CLD (Center Leadership Development) group of 7 students to complete the Level 1 CLD program. 2. We thank God for many new CLD groups that have opened recently, including 4 new groups from OMF churches in northeastern Thailand. 3. We thank God for blessing the Thai CMA Nong-bua Lum-poooh Church. **Prayer Requests:** 1. Please pray for three young men from the Thai CMA Nong-bua Lum-poooh Church to seek God's help in overcoming the temptation to get drunk and to renew their desire to study the Bible. 2. Please pray for God to provide additional giving to our Work Fund which will support various ministry opportunities."

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 February: \$24,551
Operating Fund Giving for March: \$1,130
(Amount needed monthly: \$26,136)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$328

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 AM Worship Service: 24

10:00 AM Worship Service: 56

Estimated Livestream Views: 213

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